2000
JACKET BUZZ

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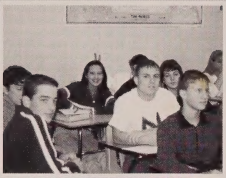

Remember when...

...the Vernon Yellowjackets football team beat Chipley 20-18,

...Mrs. Shores kissed a pig,

...The Lady Jackets Basketball team won the State Championship,

...the teachers boogied down at prom,

...the student who believed gatorade wasn't sold in Tallahassee (Emily Parish),

...certain someones decorated Mr. Lee's truck,

...we had a moment of silence for an ageing teacher (Mrs. Bush)

The Year 2000

SUCCESS. Vernon High School succeeded in the new millenium: academically, in athletics, making lifetime friendships, and preparing for our future. The year was full of memorable moments.

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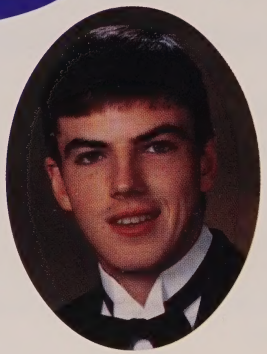
CLASS OF

Two Thousand

Martha Alford



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Victor Baker

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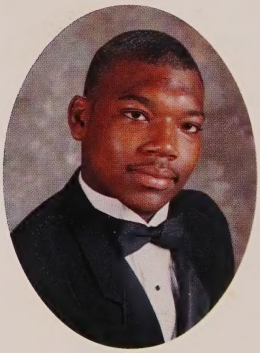

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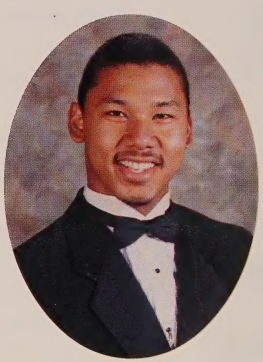
Valarie Brown



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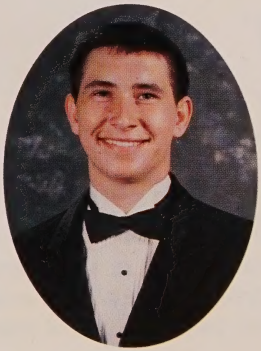
Kristi Campbell

Aysha Coleman



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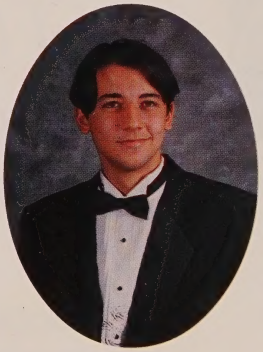

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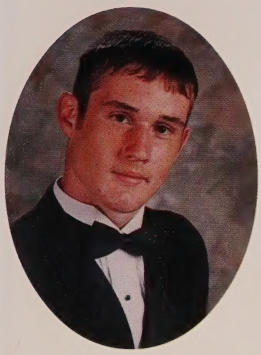
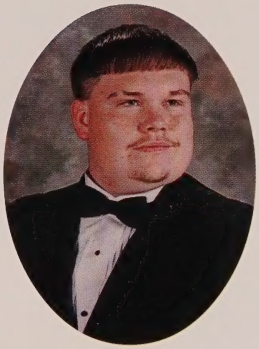


Christon Birge

Amy Boyce



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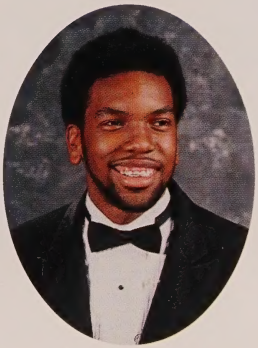

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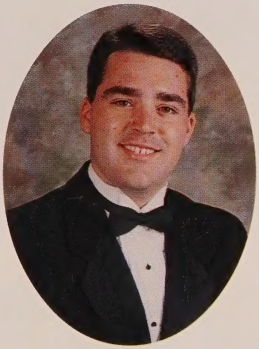
Tomika Campbell

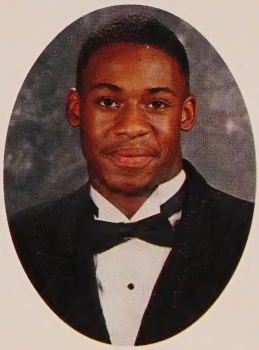


Dustin Castells

Nicole Cleary

Callie Coatney

Lori Creel



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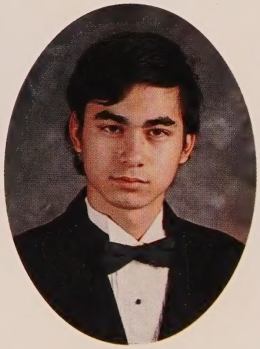
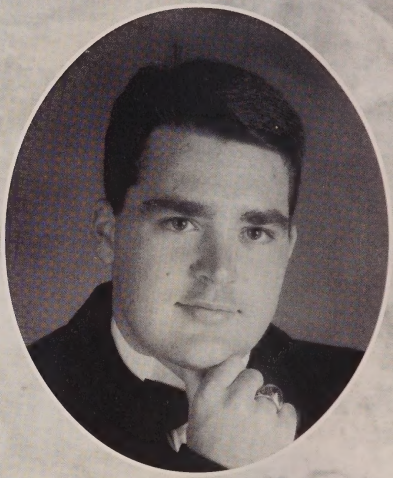


Casey Denny

Dawna Douglas

2000
Senior Class Officers

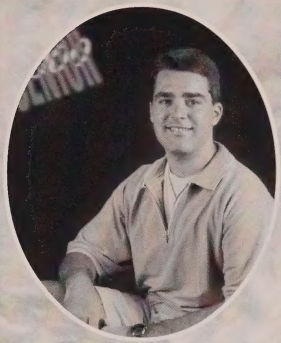
President
Dawn Finch



Vice President
Dustin Castells

Secretary/Treasurer
Chrissy Joiner

Valarie Brown



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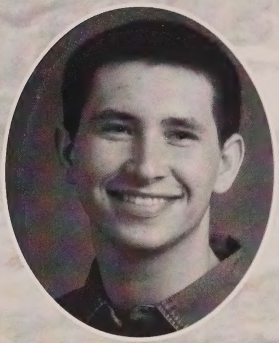

Rodgers Coleman

HALL OF FAME

Emily Parish

Donavan Duty

Marla Harrell

Randall Garner

Dawn Finch

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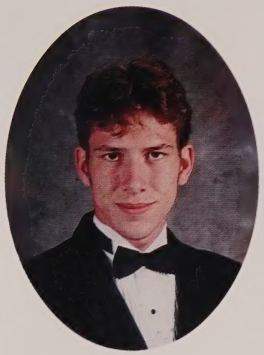
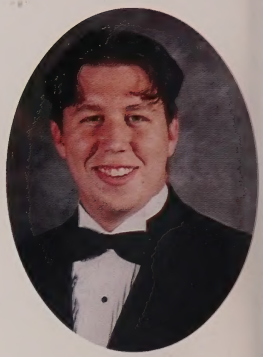


Richard Dugger

Donavan Duty

Grace Ellis



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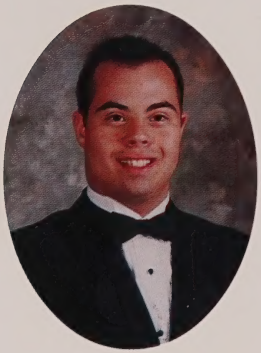


Joel Hall

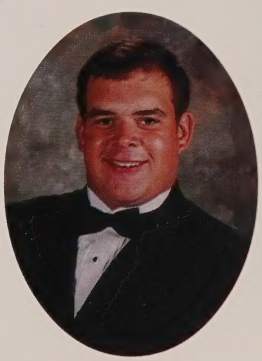
Marla Harrell

Kristen Haskins

Angela Haynes

Kristen Lovett

Dustin Merring



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Stacy Evans

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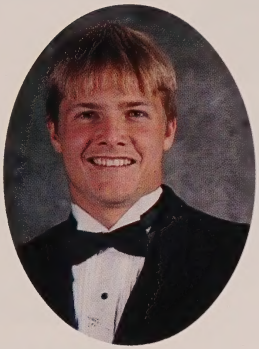

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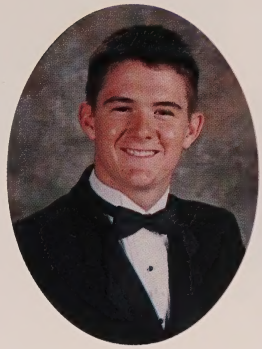


Randall Garner

Alex Jackson

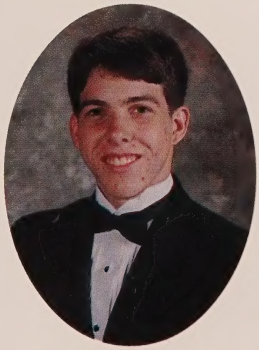
Bridgette Johnston

Chrissy Joiner

Anna Kirkland

Emily Parish

Sarah Pate



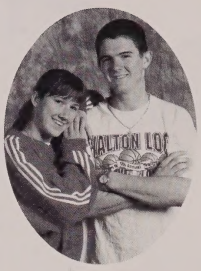
Adam Patterson

Brandon Paul

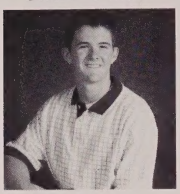
SENIOR

Class Beauty

Donavan Duty



Class Cutie



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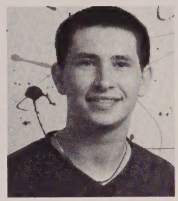
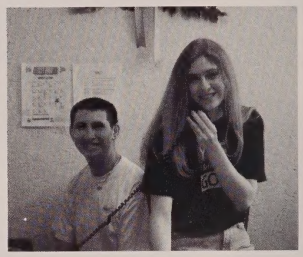
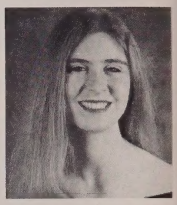


Rodgers Coleman

Most Likely To Succeed





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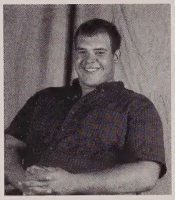
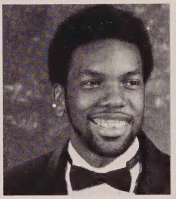


Jake Miller

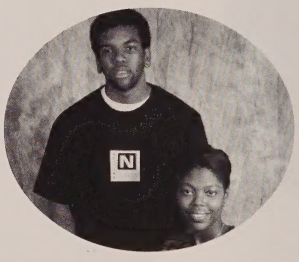
Most Courteous

Sondra Williams



Jamaal Brown

Best Dressed



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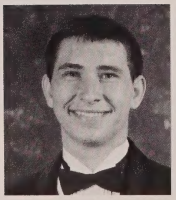
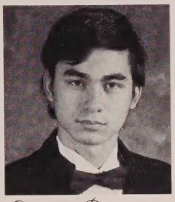


Rodgers Coleman

Most Dependable

Dawn Finch

SUPERLATIVES



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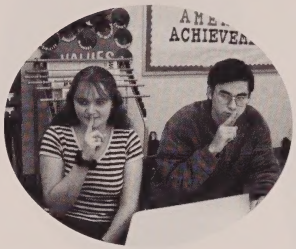
Quietest



Lori Creel

Best Eyes

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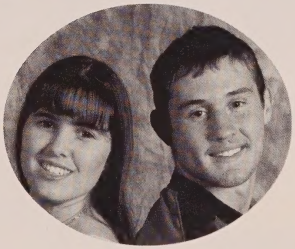
Blake Baber

Kristen Haskins

Christon Birge

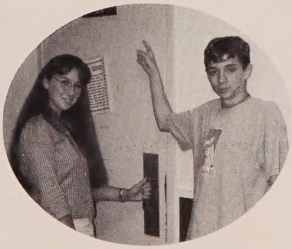
Best Smile



Sarah Pate

Brandon Paul

Most Gullible



Chrissy Joiner

Class of 2000

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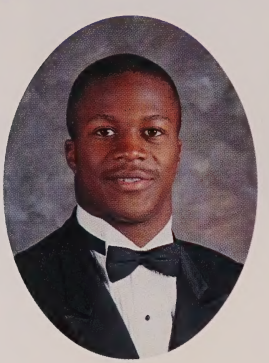

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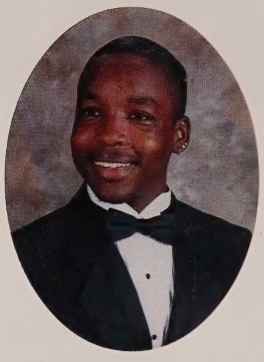
Rebecca Purvis



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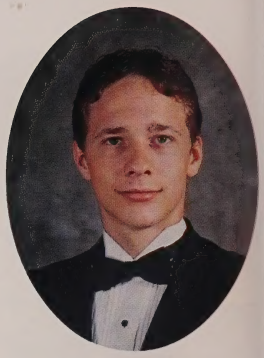
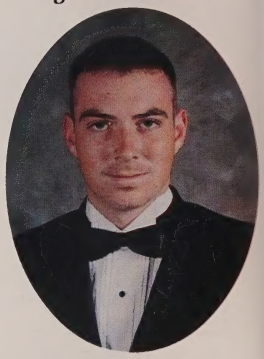


Raymond Sheffield

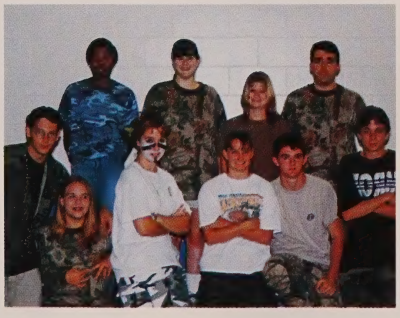
Jason Suits

Melissa Williams
(Hammock)

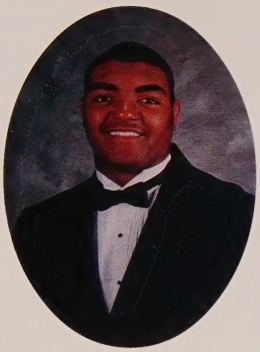
Sondra Williams



James Worthing

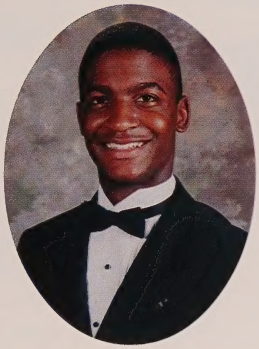


Ashley Skinner

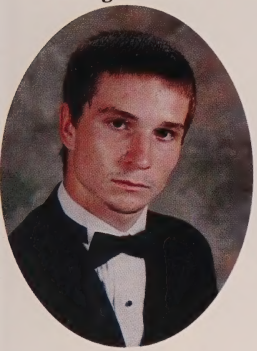


Brennis Smith

Jessica Smith



Jaron Steward

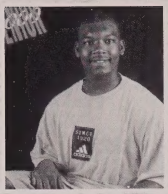


Jonah Worthington

MILLENNIUM

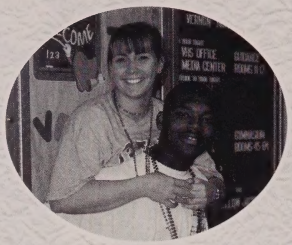
2000

Not Pictured:
Jackie Andrews
Brandon Bell
Julian Brock
Jonathan Cook
Tommy Farmer
Andrew Moore
Johnny Parrish
Roy Phillips
Jennifer Story
Jonathan Story
Tony Vaught
Stephanie Ward

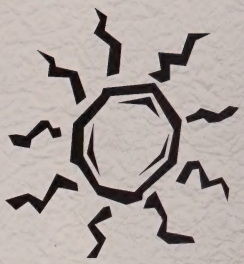


Robert Brown

Class Clowns

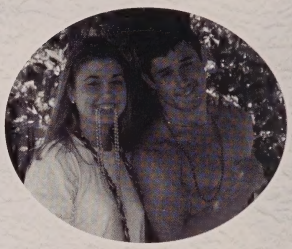


Regina Page



Christon Birge

Class Flirt



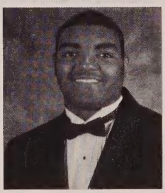
Kristen Lovett

Most Mischievous

Jonathan Cook

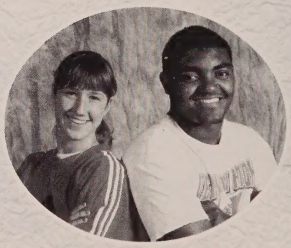
Stephanie Ward

Only the BEST!



Brennis Smith

Best All Around



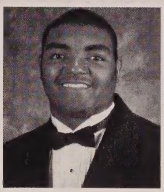
Donavan Duty

Class of 2000

Senior Superlatives

"Athletics played an important part all through my high school years. I've made some of my best memories playing sports.
-Marla Harrell"

Most Athletic



Brennis Smith

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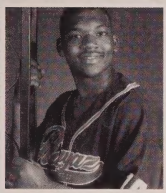
Most Talkative



Robert Brown

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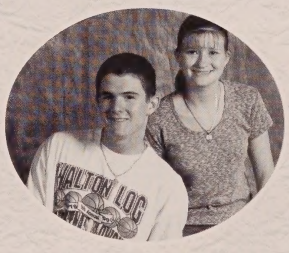
the Year 2000

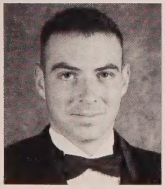
Class Favorites

Randall Garner



Dawn Finch

Most School Spirit



James Worthing

Regina Page

Buzz'in With The Jackets

Brandy, Brandon, and Stephanie chow down at lunch.

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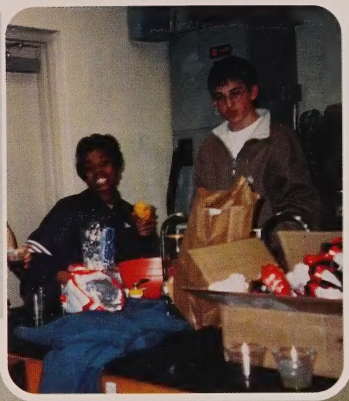
Best Friends Forever!!

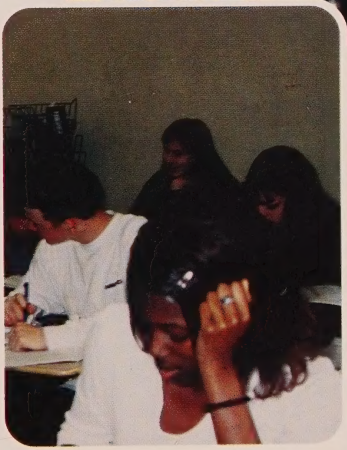
Mrs. Solgers 7th pd. class celebrating her birthday.

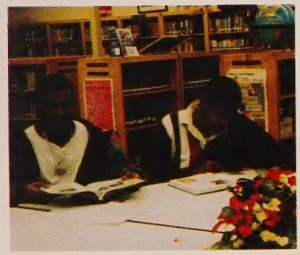
Diana, Ashley, Steven and Shawana take a break from Mr. Patterson's English class.



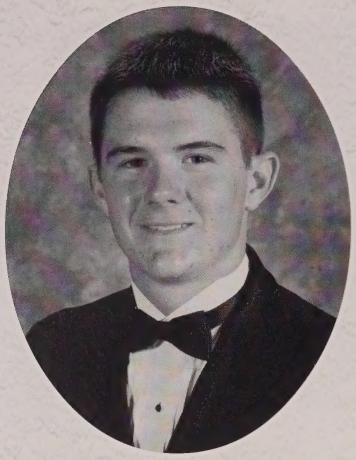
Marla, Regina, and Amy hanging out at lunch.

Dawn, Chrissy, and Becky will always be buddies!!



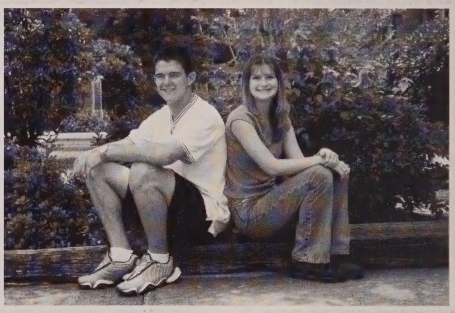


Boys in the books!!



Randall Garner is a member of the VHS Basketball team. He helped lead the Jackets to the District Championship. Randall's also on the the golf team. He helped manage the VHS Volleyball team this year. Randall is on the Tech team and enjoys technology and computers. He was voted Mr. VHS this year by the faculty and students at VHS. Randall was Salutitorian of the Senior Class of 2000.

Two thousand



Mr. and Miss VHS

Dawn Finch is a Varsity Cheerleader. She is President of the Class of 2000. Dawn is also President of Key Club, Student Council Parliamentarian, and a member of Beta Club. She also participates in Bible Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Dawn was voted Miss VHS by the faculty and students at VHS. She says this year was special and would like to thank her friends and family for making it so special.

Homecoming

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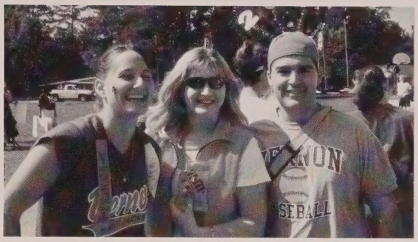


The band did a wonderful job entertaining everyone at the parade.

Homecoming Week 1999 was a great way to end the millennium. We began Monday with collegiate day, Tuesday as camouflage day, Wednesday as hawaiian day, Thursday as farm day and Friday as orange and blue day as usual. Everyday at lunch we had the fluffy bunny contest. Big mouth Junior Chuck Thompson won the contest by stuffing his mouth with 25 marshmellows. Also, the Pickle Barrel, which the Seniors won, was held at lunch. On Thursday there was a volleyball game which the whole student body was allowed to attend. Friday morning was the Mr. Jacket Contest, followed by the Pep Ralley. Later that afternoon was the parade.

Jesse Buckley was one of the competitors in the Fluffy Bunny contest.

The Mr. Jacket winners were as follows: 2nd runner up Kerri Brown, 1st runner up Randall Garner, and Mr. Jacket Fabiano Companhoni.

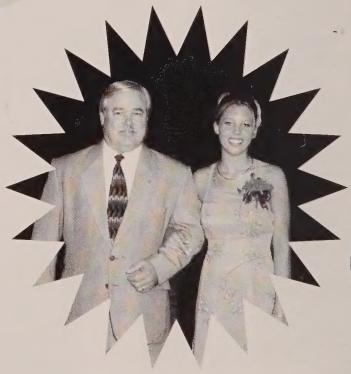
The sophmores worked hard on their float.

The Juniors from Ms. Smith's homeroom pose for a picture as they are showing their school spirit on camouflage day.

Homecoming Court

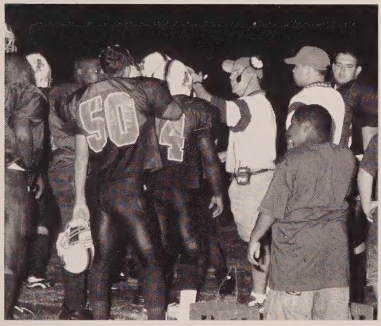
1999

The 1999 Homecoming court is from left to right. Brandi Baker, Kristi Campbell, Valerie Brown, Donavan Duty, Amy Boyce, Ashley Skinner, Laura Marschka, and Nichole Owens.



Donavan Duty is our Homecoming Queen for the 1999-2000 school year. Valarie Brown is 1st runner up and Amy Boyce is 2nd runner up.

The mighty Vernon Yellow Jackets prepare to take on the Freeport Bulldogs in the annual Homecoming game on October 15, 1999. We beat Freeport 36-16.



The VHS Varsity Cheerleaders are always behind the Jackets cheering them on.

The Yellow Jackets defense played great and helped lead us to the victory.

The Game

Once Upon A Time...

Beth Vaughn and Raymond Sheffield romancing the night away.

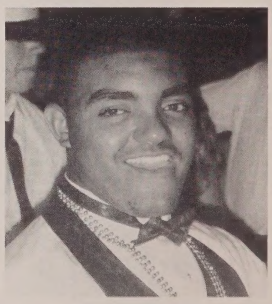
Prom King and Queen this year was Randall Gardner and Marla Harrell.

The Junior class decorates for the big night ahead.

Pamela Marshall and her date, Michael Bryant enjoying the evening of fun.

A group of friends gather for a quick picture.

Tomika Campbell all smiles!



Brennis Smith is chillin'.

Kristen Haskins & Sabrina Glover are best friends forever!

Somer Sheffield and her date.

Kristen Lovett and her date, along with Christy Gill and Franklin Register enjoy the night's magic.

Jake Miller and Brandee Wilson dance the night away!

Fabiano Companhoni, Clint Gainey, and Christian Birge lookin' good.

Zac Yates, Michael Sciolino, David Gilpin, Dustin Castells, and Chuck Thompson looking as fine as ever!

Love is in the air!

Dawn Finch and her high school sweetheart.

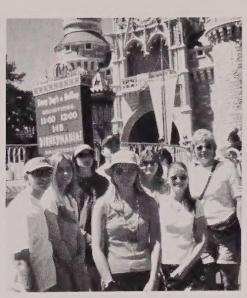
Claudia Hogans grinning big!

Nicole Cleary, Misty Young, Mrs. Register, Marla Harell, and Rebecca Purvis stop for a pose at the prom.

Joel Hall boogies down and is center stage.

... Ever After

Senior Trip



Seniors got to visit Disney's Magic Kingdom.

Marla Harrell and Mrs. Dawson pose for a quicky before entering an attraction at Disney World.

Seniors prepare to enter the Cave of Wonder at the Disney Quest Aladdin attraction.

Seniors had the chance to tour Minnie Mouse's House.

The Tree of Life at Disney's Animal Kingdom was an attraction to remember.

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All worn out after a day of fun and exploring!

Seniors leaving the Dinosaur's Extinction attraction at Disney's Animal Kingdom.

Taking a break and just hang'in out.

Posing for a picture with Donald and Daisy!

R E L A X I N G

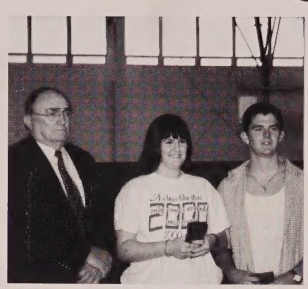
Mrs. Register and Mrs. Harrell enjoying the fun!

Rock'in and a roll'in.

Senior Assembly

Donavan Duty and Christon Birge received the Athletes of the Year from the Washington Co. Post.

Mrs. Cook and Dawn Finch stand together as Mrs. Cook tells everyone how special Dawn really is.



Rebecca Purvis and Randall Gardner stand with Mr. Tyre as they receive their Salutatorian awards.

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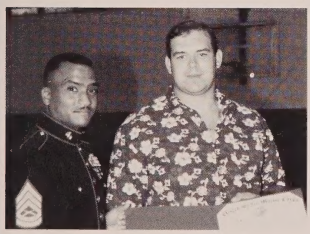
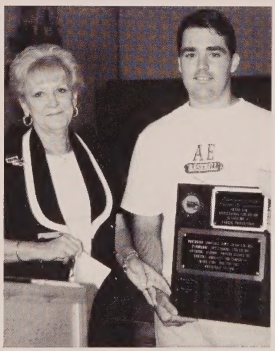
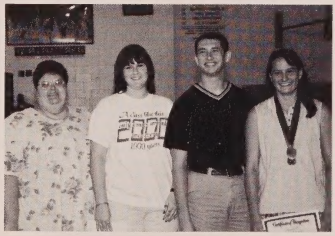
The Senior Beta Blub members were recognized.



Jake Miller received the Hard Charger Award from the US Marine Corps.

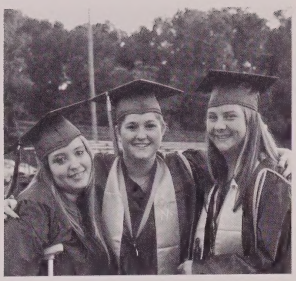


Dustin Castells received a plaque from the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

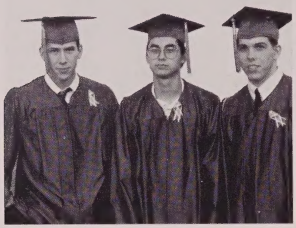


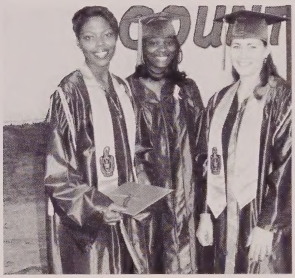
Ms. Lloyd recognized her yearbook and newspaper Seniors.

Mrs. Register awarded her Seniorvolleyball players with medallions.



Vernon High School Class of 2000 Graduation





The graduating class of 2000 were excited and ready for the night ahead. Anxious faces, nerves on end, and butterflies swimming in their stomachs were just a few of the emotions they were going through before the ceremony began.

Above the Class of 2000 anxiously awaits the moment when they will be pronounced graduates of Vernon High School.

Randall Garner, Co-Salutatorian, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tomika Campbell led everyone singing "America".

Dawn Finch, Senior Class President, gave the welcome.

Nicole Cleary, Valedictorian, gave her final address to the Class of 2000.

Love

Laughter

Tears

Celebration

Class Colors: Silver & Midnight Blue
Class Flower: White rose tipped in midnight blue
Class Song: "Missing You" by Brandy
Class Motto: ***Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.***

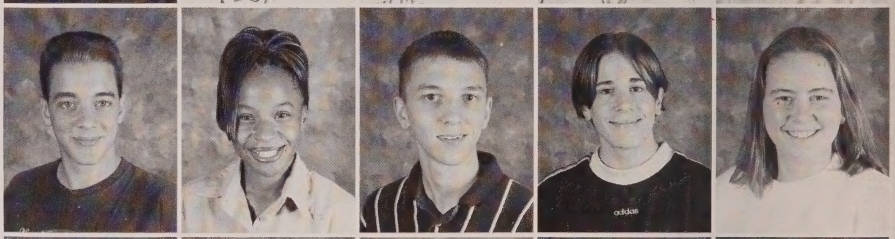
11TH GRADE

CLASS OF 2001

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Taurean Andrews
Torrey Andrews
Heather Austin
Latasha Bell
Will Brock

Philip Brown
Christy Broxton
Michael Bryant
Richard Buswell
Robin Chesnut



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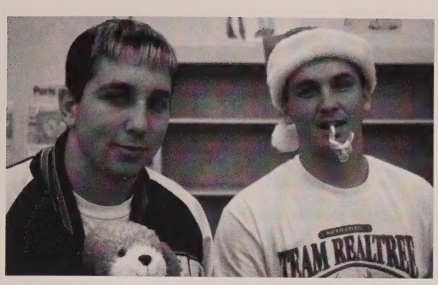
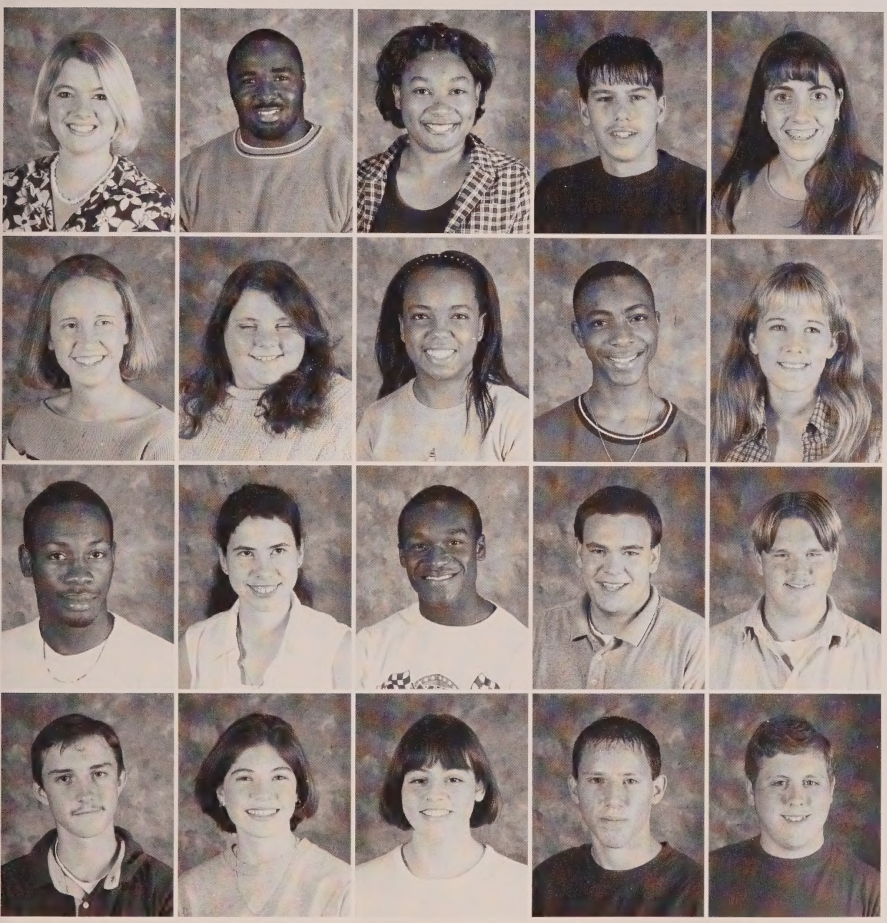
Sakema Coleman
Jerry Cone
John Cook



Brandon Taylor is taking the time out to show Ryan Sparks his Christmas present.

DARE TO BE different



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Chasity Glass

Sabrina Glover
Vicky Harcus
Claudia Hogans
Tony Howard
Crystal Howell

Courtney Jackson
Jessica Jasso
Andrew Johnson
Daniel Jones
Justin King

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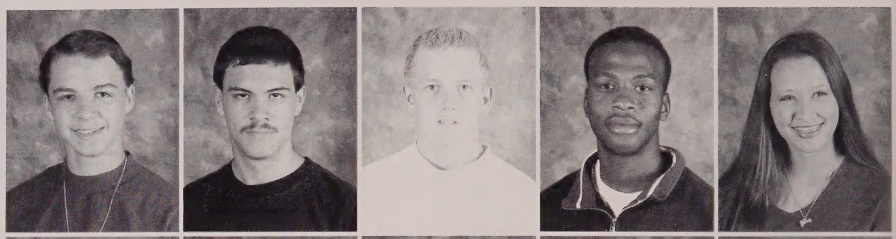

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Byron Saturley
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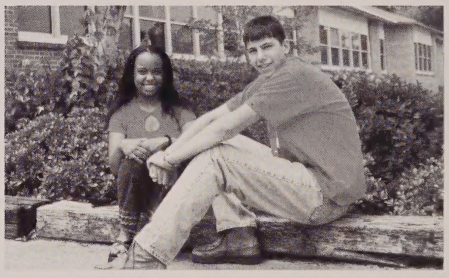
Junior Class
Beauty and Cutie
Claudia Hogans and David Gilpin



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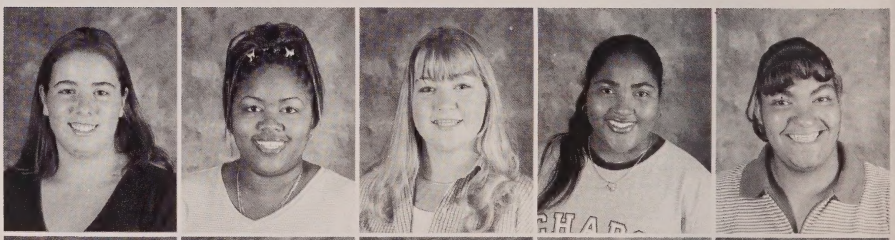

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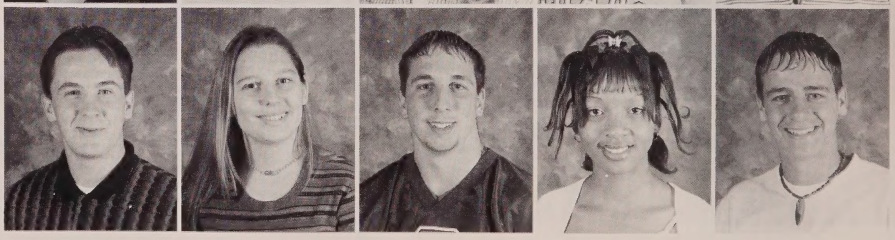

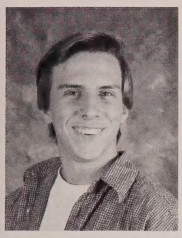

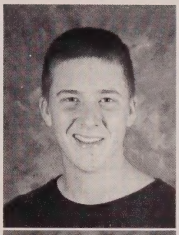
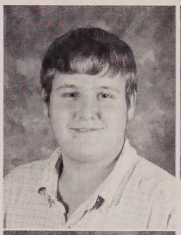

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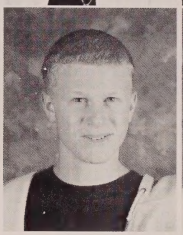
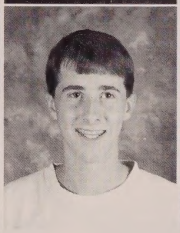

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Domingo Hernandez
Jennifer Hughes
Amanda Lewllen
Jermaine Marks
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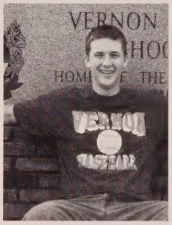
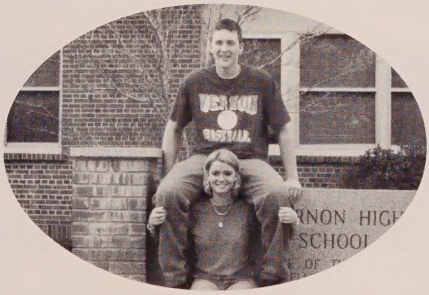
Stephanie Day and Jeremy Vaughn





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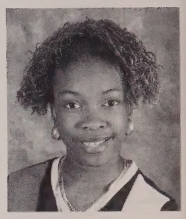
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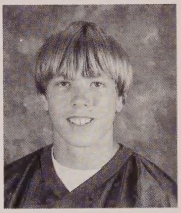
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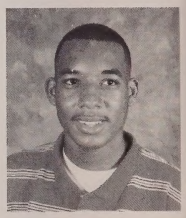
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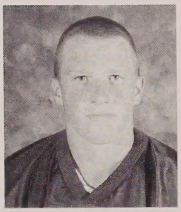
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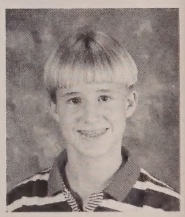
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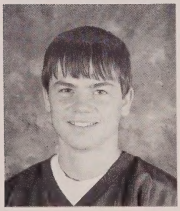
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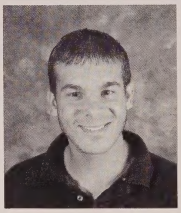
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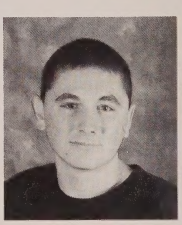
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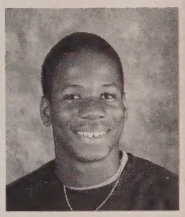
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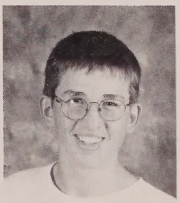
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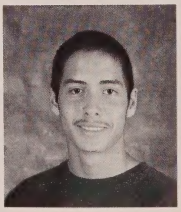
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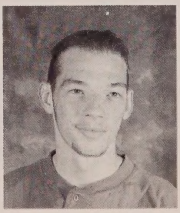
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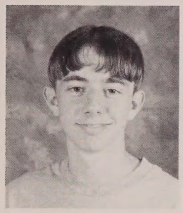
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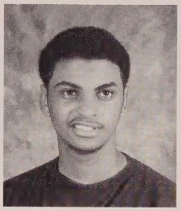
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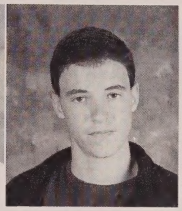
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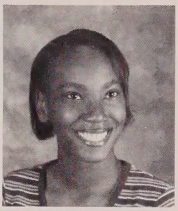
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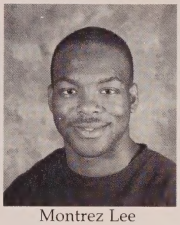
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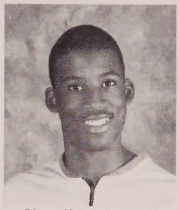
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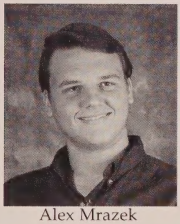
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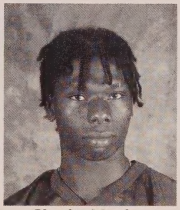
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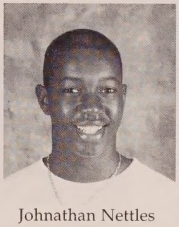
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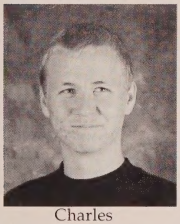
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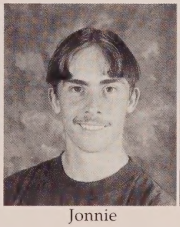
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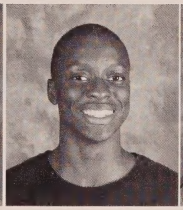
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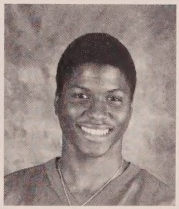
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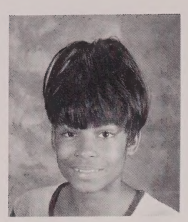
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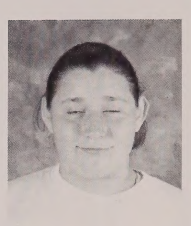
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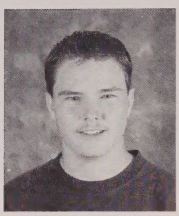
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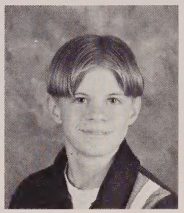
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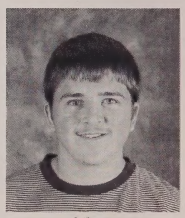
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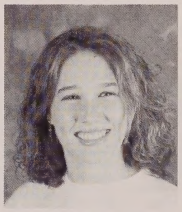
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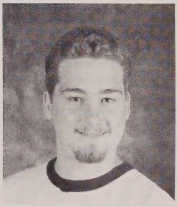
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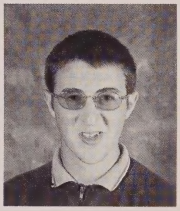
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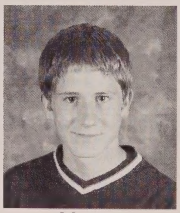
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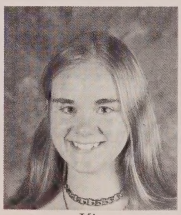
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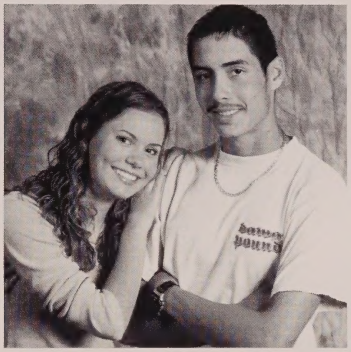

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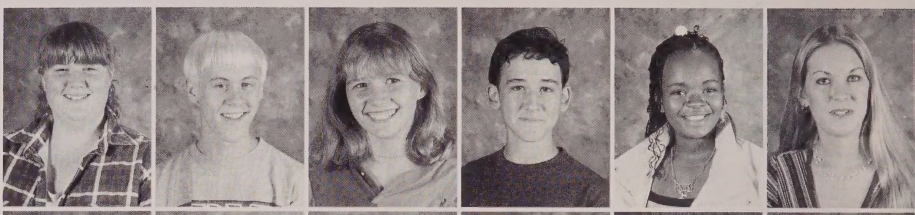

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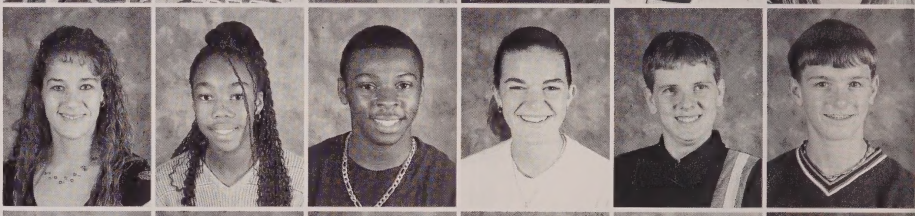

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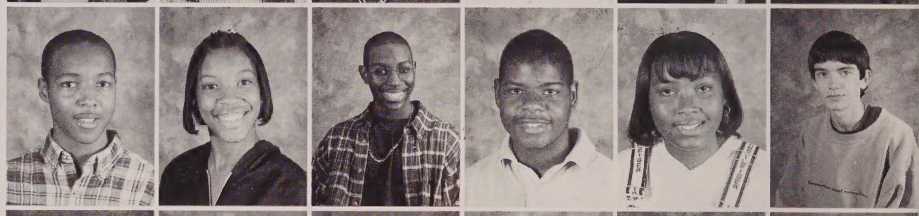

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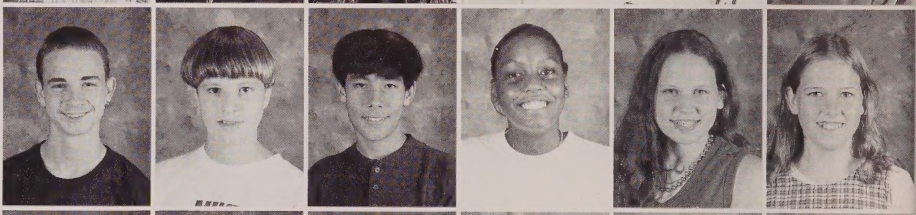

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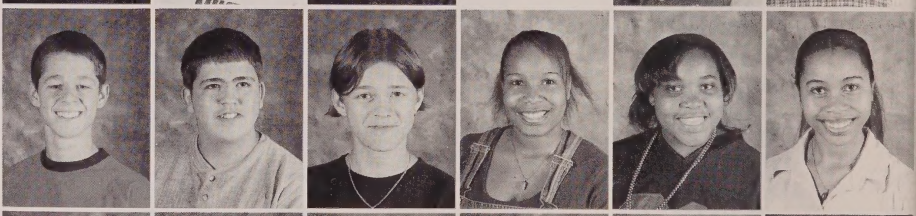

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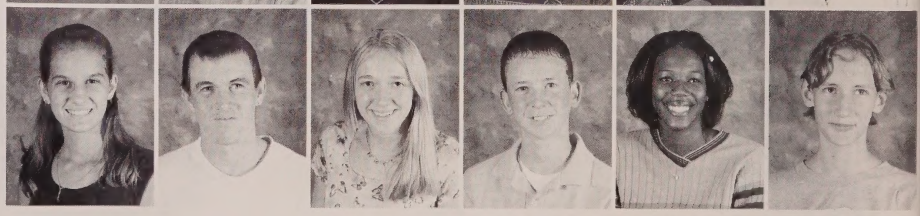

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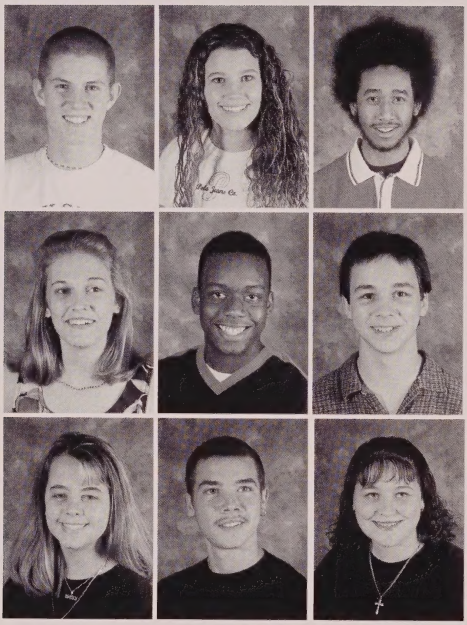

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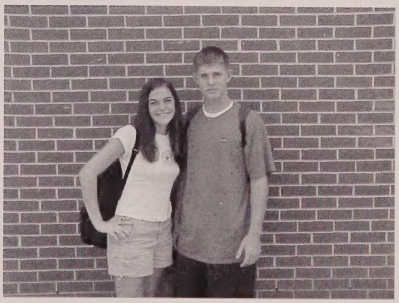

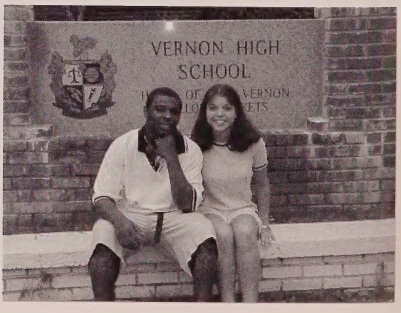

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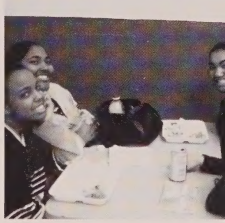

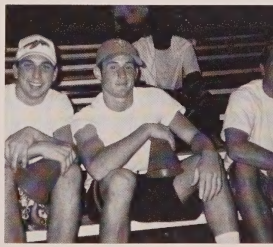

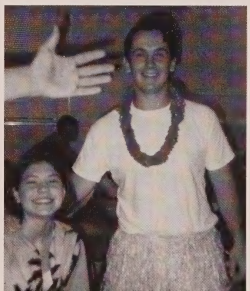

Clubs & Organizations

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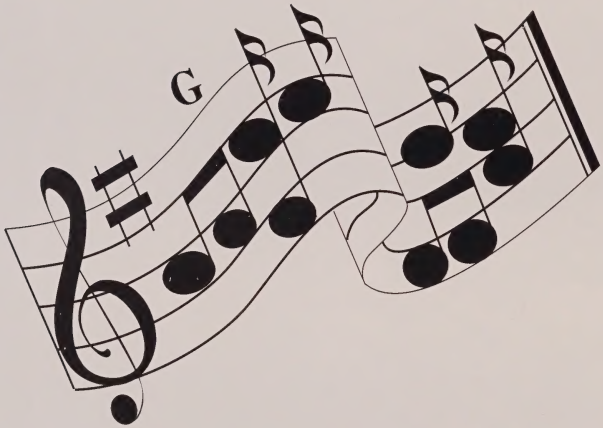
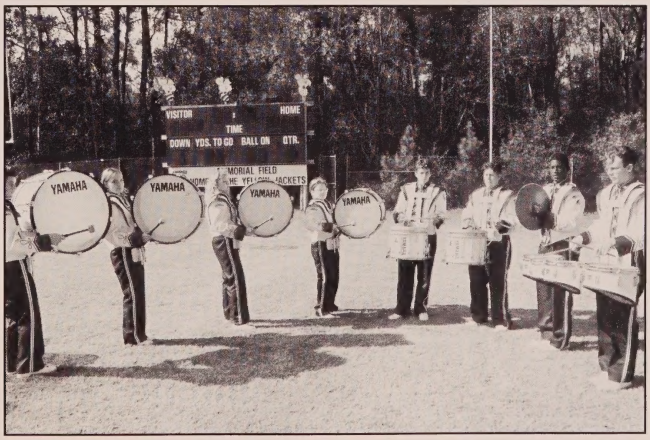


Piccolos: Jodie Evens, Jennifer Churchwell, and Andrena Johnson.

Colorguards: Joanie Payne, Nickole Desautels, Ultra Collins, Vickie Harcus, and Nina Tappan.

Trumpets: Miranda Ernest, David Hackman, Justin King, Mandy Blankenship, Mike Merring, and Johnathan Miller

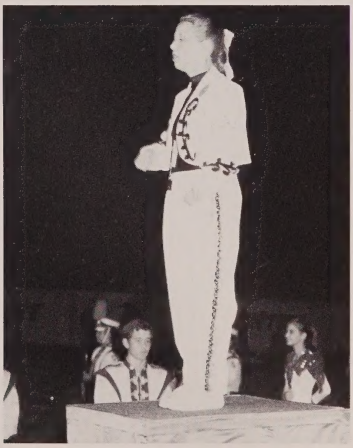
Trombones: Richard Westing and Jesse Thornton.
Tuba: Steven Childs.
Mellophone: Martha Alford.



Percussion: Gary Prevatt, Sandra Baguzis, Janese Story, Richard Austin, Brandon Paul, Earl Evans, Clozell McDonald, and Tony Vaught.

The Pride of Vernon doing what they know how to do best!

The VHS band marching in the homecoming parade.



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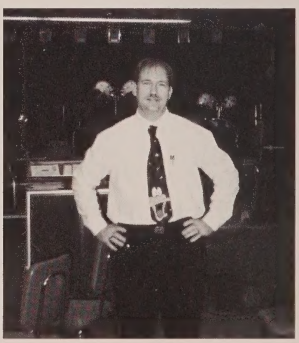


Band Director James Seaboch.

Future Business Leaders of America pictured above are Tony Howard, Ceyla Herne, Kay Sewell, Claudia Hogans, Twila Smith, Dominique Works, Latoya Bell, Jessica Reddick, Shakayla Everitt, DeJuan Stevens, Brooks Goldsmith, Brent'n Peterson, Pamela Marshall, Jackie Andrews, Jennifer Churchwell, Ashley Smith, Somer Sheffield, Brittany Osborne, Torie Simmons, Cierra Goldsmith, and Wendy Smith.

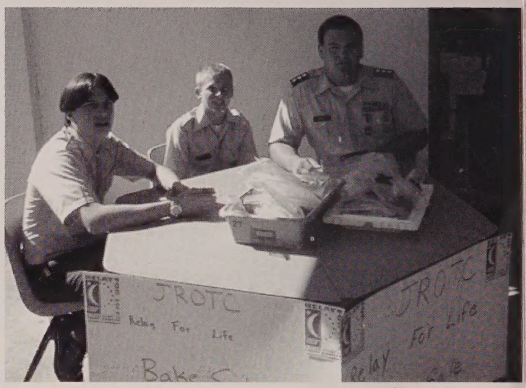
The FBLA members pause for a quick group picture at the District Meeting.

Somer Sheffield, Ashley Smith, Sabrina Glover, Jessica Reddick, Alex Jackson, and DeJuan Stevens all won awards at the FBLA District Meeting.

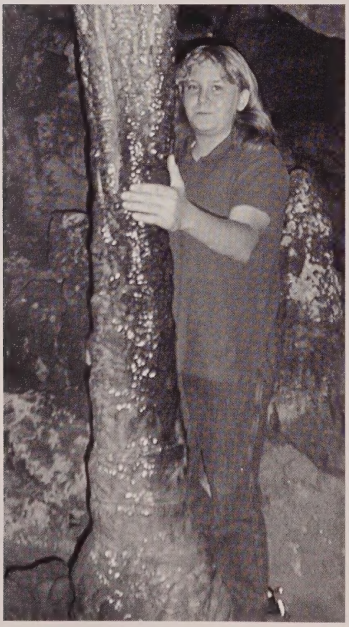
Future Business Leaders of America

JROTC

Cadet Appreciation Day was held at the Navy Base on May 12.



JROTC held a bake sale for the Relay For Life. David Hackman, William Owens, and Daniel Jones helped out.

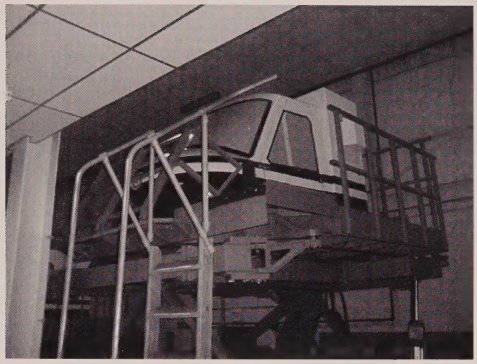


Janice Story poses at the caverns in Marianna.

JROTC Seniors are: Alex Jackson, Sondra Williams, Jennifer Story and Joel Hall.

JROTC marches in Callaway's Verteran's Day Parade.

Above is a helicopter on display at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. The JROTC got to tour the museum.



Above is a Flight Simulator at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. JROTC members got to experience the ride for themselves.

The JROTC Colorguard presented the colors at Graduation for the Class of 2000.

The JROTC Colorguard at West Florida Electric.

The JROTC Colorguard presented the colors at the Academic Banquet on May 23, 2000 held in the OHS cafeteria.

Future Educators of America

FEA members pictured above are Kristen Haskins, Stephanie Day, Brandi Baker, Brandee Wilson, Regina Page, Emily Parish, Amy Boyce, Sabrina Glover, Fabiano Companhoni, Laura Marschka, Aysha Coleman, Ryan Sparks, Pamela Marshall, Chasity Glass, Torie Simmons, Valarie Brown, Kristen Lovett, Somer Sheffield, Amanda Lewellen, Marla Harrell, Vionka Taylor, Jeremy Vaughn, Dustin Castells, and Rogers Coleman.

Above: Stephanie Day, as Mrs. Clause, Brandi Baker, as an elf, and Regina Page, FEA President, entertain the kids in song and dance.

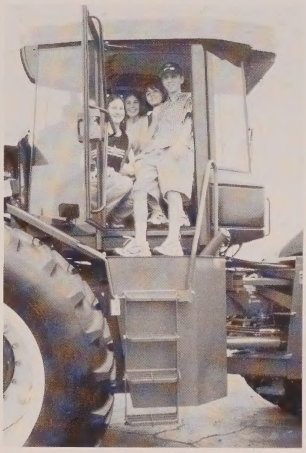
Above: FEA members Regina Page, Chrissy Joiner, Emily Parish, and Amy Boyce take a picture while waiting on their turn to eat.

Above: FEA members had a Christmas party for Headstart students. Santa Clause, Mrs. Clause, and an elf visited us.

The Future Farmers of America are located from left to right. Bo Robinson, Ashley Smith. Laura Marschka, Chasity Glass, Sabrina Glover, David Hughes, Michael Bryant, Pamela Marshall, Amanda Lewellen, Somer Sheffield, Charles Glover, Autumn Collins, Kyle Sapp, Charles Parrish, Jesse Paridon, Chris Sciloino, Nathan Smith, and Micol Roberts.

FFA

Sabrina Glover and Laura Marschka think they're cute sitting in the tractors at the Moultry Ag Expo.



Michael Bryant, Pamela Marshall, Laura Marschka, and Amanda Lewellen.

Chad Whitaker, Laura Marschka, Sabrina Glover, and Ryan Sparks sit on the back of their dream truck.

Laura Marschka test rides her transportation to next year's prom.

Bible

Bible Club members are pictured above: Lonnie Faison, Emily Parish, Ashley Smith, Jill White, Brandee Wilson, Laura Marschka, Sabrina Glover, and Dawn Finch. Members not pictured are Charles Glover and Krista Marschka.

Club

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

FCA members pictured above are Jill White, Sabrina Glover, Marla Harrell, Brandee Wilson, Lonnie Faison, Dawn Finch, Kristen Lovett, Regina Page, Laura Marschka, Emily Parish, Fabiano Companhoni, Nicole Cleary, and Aysha Coleman.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council members are: Rodgers Coleman, Nicole Cleary, Emily Parish, Nichole Owens, Monica Kirk, Claudia Hogans, Marla Harrell, Valerie Brown, Dustin Castells, Ashley Smith, Jennifer Churchwell, Nycole Hetzel, Leslie Strickland, Heather Austin, Regina Page, Donavan Duty, Avery Siples, Chrissy Joiner, Dawn Finch, Dustin Vaughn, Jill White, Montana Windsor, Sabrina Glover, and Laura Marschka. Not Pictured: Krista Marschka

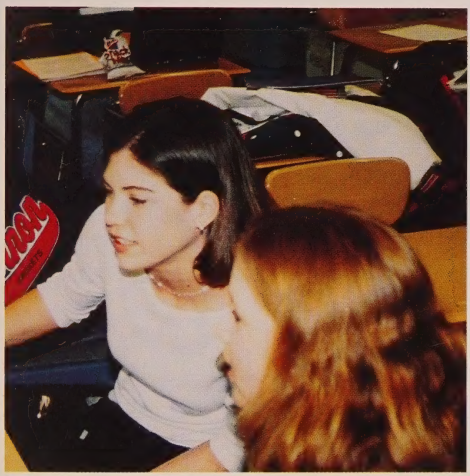
Student Council officers are pictured to the left. President -Rodgers Coleman, Vice President - Nicole Cleary, Secretary/ Treasurer - Ashley Smith, Parliamentarian- Dawn Finch, Reporter- Chrissy Joiner, and Chaplain- Emily Parish.

Actions speak Louder than words

The 1999-2000 Yearbook Staff is pictured from left to right. Lonnie Faison, Jill White, Marla Harrell, Rodgers Coleman, Colleen Peoples, Fawn Brady, Brandee Wilson, Laura Marschka, Sabrina Glover, and Amanda Lewellen.

the write stuff

Dustin Castells, Jessica Reddick, and Randall Gardner are our Tech Team.



Brandee Wilson and Laura Marschka are working hard on their yearbook pages.

The 1999-2000 Newspaper Staff are pictured from left to right. Rebecca Purvis, Dustin Castells, Aaron Tiller, Jessica Reddick, Colleen Peoples, Fawn Brady, and Andy Odom.

JOURNALISM

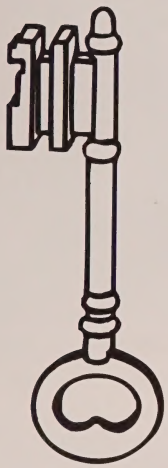
Fawn Brady won the Spelling Bee at the Beta Club District Meeting held at Sneads High School.

Above are some of the Beta Club members at the induction ceremony that was held on October 27, 1999.

BETA

Beta Club Members above are Brandi Baker, Chuck Thompson, Jill White, Sabrina Glover, Theresa Dennis, Claudia Hogans, Colleen Peoples, Patti Suggs, Rebekah Sapp, Jessica Reddick, Kayla Harrison, Dawn Finch, Marla Harrell, Leslie Strickland, Donavan Duty, Kim Young, Dustin Castells, Regina Page, Laura Marchka, Aysha Coleman, Chrissy Joiner, Brandon Paul, Ashley Smith, Valarie Brown, Emily Parish, Pamela Marshall, Jeremy Vaughn, Shelly Adams, Chad Whitaker, Fawn Brady, Vionka Taylor, Aaron Tiller, Nicole Cleary, Somer Sheffield, Amanda Lewellen, and Rogers, Coleman.

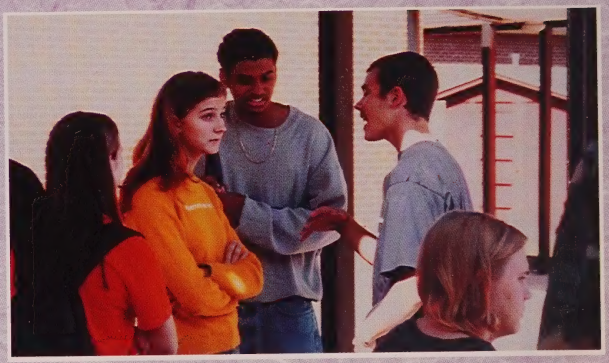
Key Club

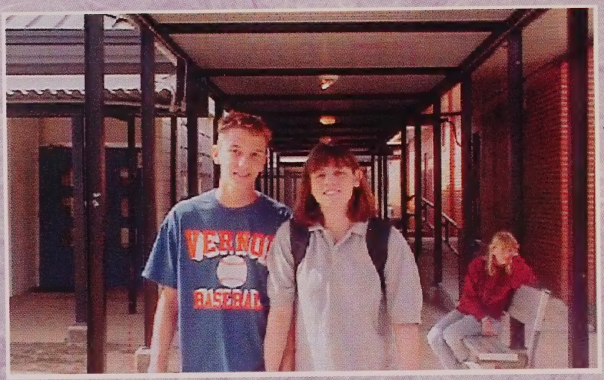


Key Club Member above are Rogers Coleman, John Cook, Ashley Boyce, Starla Maxson, Leslie Strickland, Chrissy Joiner, Donavan Duty, Stephanie Young, Dawn Finch, Laura Marschka, Brandy Kennimore, Kim Young, Kristen Haskins, Regina Page, and Vickie Harcus.

Student Life...

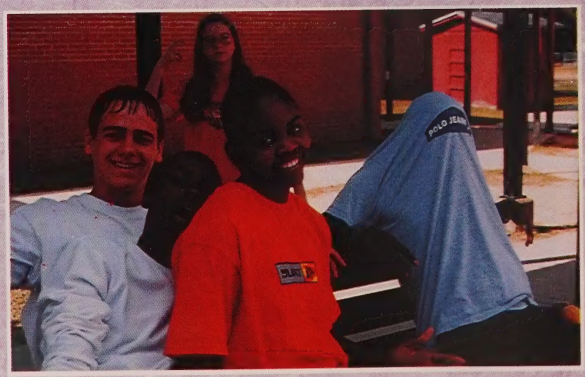
The **Lives,**





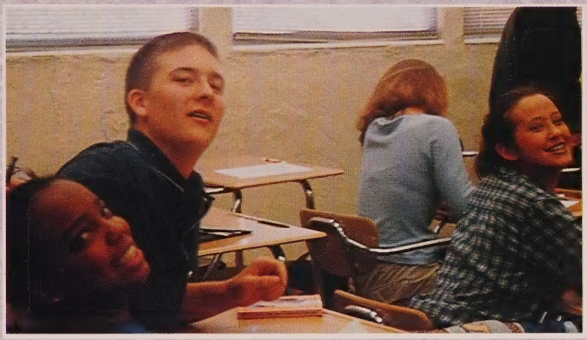
Loves,

and **Laughter** of high school.



"Like any other family, we have our fights and disagreements. In the end, we all come together to form Vernon High."
-Dustin Castells

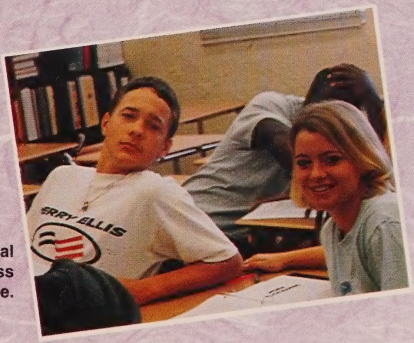
This year, Vernon High School was made up of 37 faculty and staff members as well as approximately 118 freshmen, 87 sophomores, 82 juniors, and 71 seniors. Though many of us shared differences, there was always one thing that everyone had in common-VHS. As we look back on our years together, let us never forget and always hold to the lives, loves, and laughter of high school.



Music, dating, driving, e-mail, dances, birthdays, homework, rivals, friendships, jobs

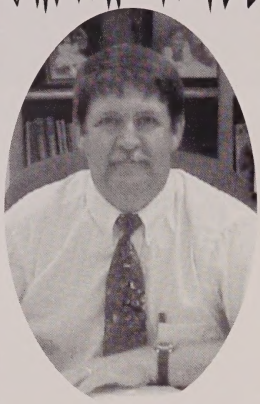
(Above)Through thick and thin our friends stick right there with us. This ensemble hasn't allowed the test of time to change their friendship.

(Above) Nina always makes sure to eat her "apple a day."



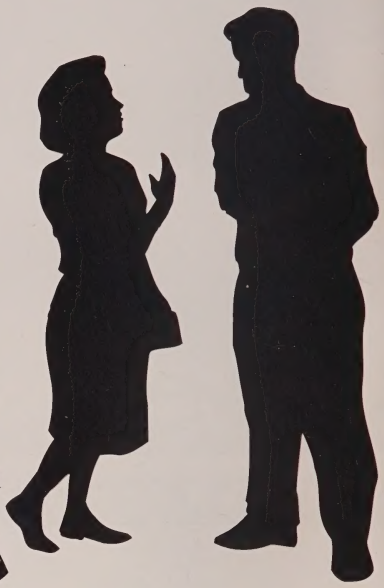
(Right)Stephanie looks real excited about her math class as Raymond strikes a pose.

Administration



Principal
Mr. James W. Lee

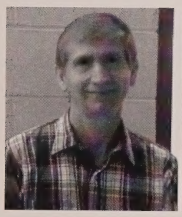
Assistant Principal
Mrs. Bobbie Dawson



Guidance Councelor
Mrs. Alice Register

Mrs. Dawson is giving Mrs. Register a good talking to about her behavior on the Senior Trip.

Faculty/Staff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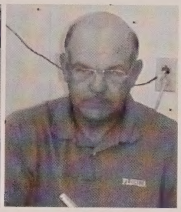
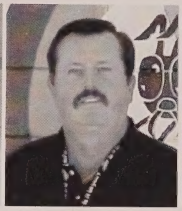
Art

Sgt. Wm. Ardnt
School Resource
Officer


Mac Alford
Science/ LMS and
Personal Fitness

George Bradford
JROTC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Physcial Education/
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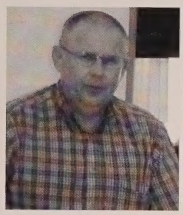
Debra Brock
Food Service


Michael Brock
Science

Marianne Bland
Food Service

Brian Brown
Custodial Services

Charles Brown
History/World
Geography

Matt Brunson
Physical Education

Sally Bush
Language Arts/
Humanities

Sandra Cook
Mathematics

Joyce Dorch
Bookkeeper

Erica Dotson
Librarian

Nancy Everett
Language Arts

Gregory Kuneman
JROTC

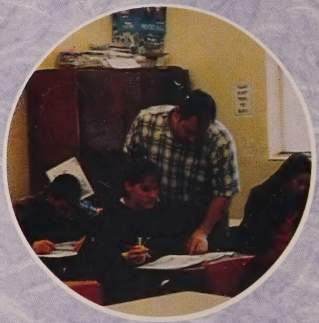
Debbie Lloyd
Advanced Math/
Technologies

There was a ceremony held for
Coach Aaron Todd on the account of his
retirement from coaching the
Vernon High School Boys Basketball Team.

Emily Parish, Jill White, and Ashley Smith take a quick pix during lunch.

As always, Mr. Brown helps out his students whenever they need it.

Donavan Duty, Somer Sheffield, and Dawn Finch are strolling along on their way to class.



assemblies, boredom, chores, dilemmas, shopping, siblings, parties, money, school spirit,

Left: J.D. Steward is having a good time just chillin in the lunchroom.

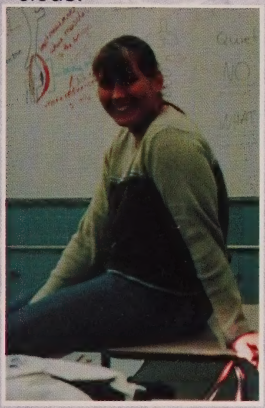
Right: Rick and Jessica having a nice conversation during lunch.

Stacy Evans playing a game of Horse Shoes.

Accept the CHALLENGE

To the left, the group Color Blind poses for the camera after a wonderful performance.

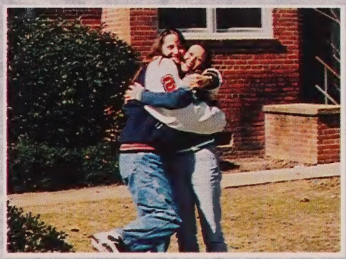
Below, Regina Page looks very suspicious.



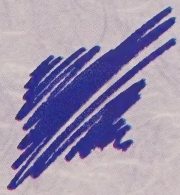
Mrs. Bush and Donshe' are having a great time.

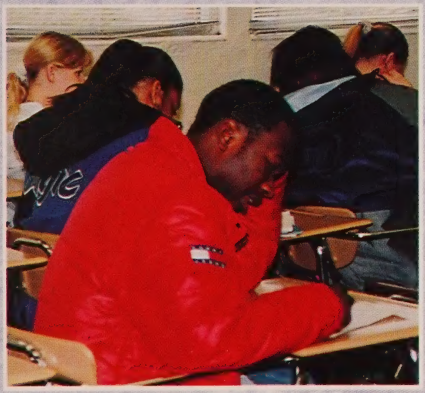
Shhh!! It looks as if Claudia, Kristen, and Shakayla are actually studying!!

transportation, spring break, summer, weekends, holidays, traveling, telephones, religion.



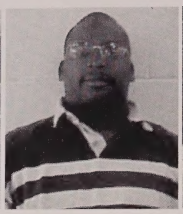
Express Yourself





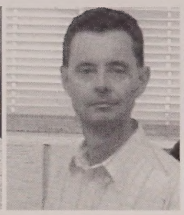
Above:Jessica and Marla show just how a loving family should be.
Left:Mrs. Shores' class is working very hard, as usual.
Below: Taking a break, Marla and Chrissy pause for the camera in Anatomy.

Deborah Maxson
Receptionist

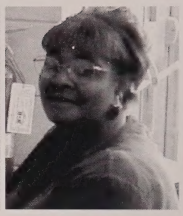


Willie McClain
Exceptional Student Education

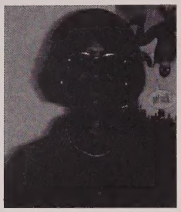
Betty Nichols
ISS



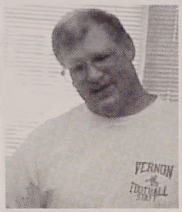
Buddy Pennington
Spanish/ Drama



Hazel Pittman
Business Education

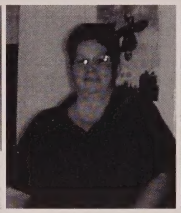


Ellawease Potter
Food Service



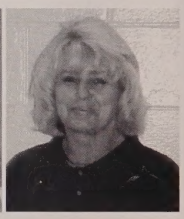
Gregory Presnell
History

Jean Rash
Career Education

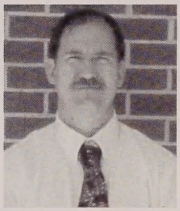


Earlene Register
Food Service

Kimberly Register
Parenting/ Personal Fitness/ LMS/ Anatomy & Physiology



Mollie Register
Food Service



James Seaboch
Instrumental Music

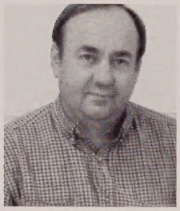
Susie Sewell
Medical Services

Sabra Shores
Language Arts

Blond Siples
Teacher Assisant

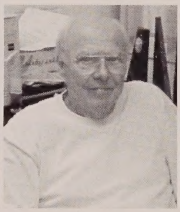
Tammy Smith
Mathematics

Sandy Solger
Mathematics/ Science



Hiram Tison
Agriculture Science

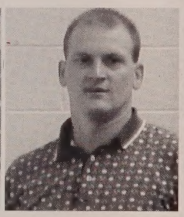
Judy Tison
Secretary



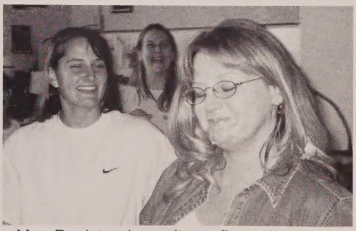
Aaron Todd
Physcial Education

Kathy Walsingham
Mathematics

Lara Walsingham
Medical Services



Keith White
Exceptional Student Education



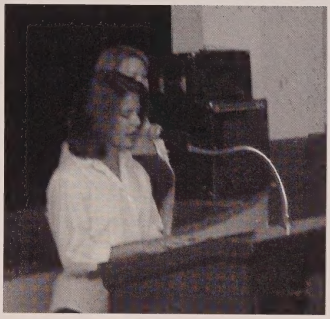
Mrs. Register, haven't you figured out that you'ur sopposed to **EAT** the icing, not wear it.

caught in the act

Academics Banquet

Left, the JROTC posts the colors on Thursday night.

Right, Jill White gives the Invocation and shares a few words of inspiration.



Laura Marschka, Krista Marschka, Kayla Skipper, and Sabrina Glover receive awards for all A's in Spanish 1, and Sabrina Glover with the highest GPA.

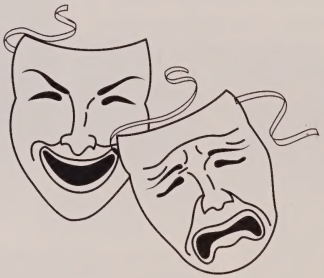
Fawn Brady, Alex Mrazek, Theresa Dennis, and Nina Tappan receive awards for all A's in Spanish 2, and Fawn with the highest GPA.

Tenora Davis, Celya Hearne, Jennifer Ward, and Theresa Dennis receive awards for getting all A's in Drama 1, and Theresa with the highest GPA.

DRAMA

Drama 2 members are pictured from left to right: Brandi Baker, Stephanie Day, Dominique Works, Kristen Haskins, Jill White, Heather Austin, Nicky Swinehart, Janet Duvoison, Nycole Hetzel, Rebekah Sapp, Ashley Smith, Rick Buswell, Megan Allman, Harrel Jones, Misty Young, Jessica Atkins, Aaron Tiller, Lonnie Faison, and Angela Haynes.

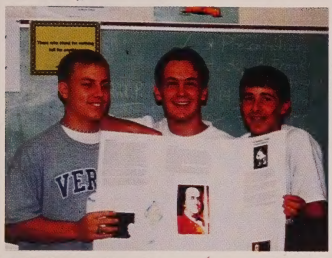
The Advanced Drama Class this year did a play entitled "Babies Having Babies". They performed for grades 9th-12th, Bethlehem High School, and for our community. They worked very hard for



two months. The play was based on teenage pregnancy. Later in the spring the Intro to Drama Class performed a play entitled "The Baseball Show". Both classes always did a wonderful performance that we all enjoyed.

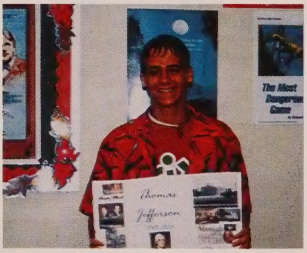
Jill White, Nycole Hetzel, Kayla Harrison, Rebekah Sapp, and Ashley Smith performing a scene from "Babies Having Babies".

Class Projects



Michael Sciolino, Ryan Sparks, and Zac Yates are smiling about the grade that they made on their presentation.

J.D. Steward is posing to show how brave he is. The question is are you really that brave?

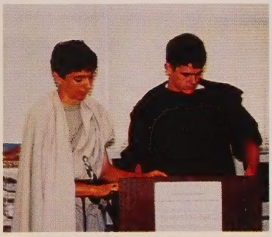


Chuck Thompson is smiling on how well he taught his class about the life of Thomas Jefferson.

Kristi Campbell is trying to hide from the camera in disguise.

Mrs. Shores' class is all dressed up for the Canterbury Feast.

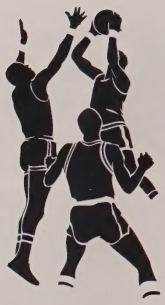
Donavan Duty is smiling to show how her teeth really look like when not in the spotlight.

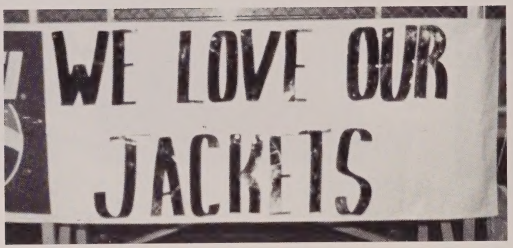


Brandon Paul and Randall Garner are in a fix to see who is suppose to be talking next. Did you guys finally figure who's next?

Mrs. Bush's Class also participated in the Canterbury Feast.

Valarie Brown and Marla Harrell are modeling their fashionable outfits.





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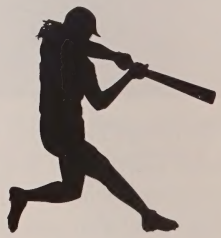
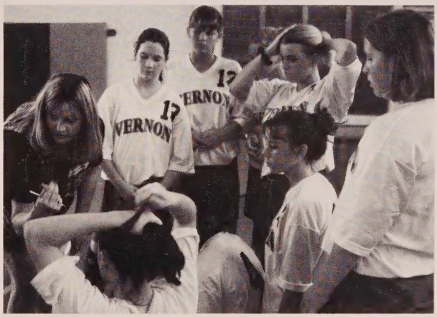


J.V. VOLLEYBALL

THE J.V. VOLLEYBALL TEAM: TOP ROW,LEFT TO RIGHT-MANAGER LONNIE FAISON, BRANDIE WILSON,NICHOLE OWENS, BRITTANY KOLMETZ, DONSHE' BROWN, KAY SEWELL, SHERALE BLAND, NICKY SWINEHEART, AND CHARLES GLOVER, MANAGER. BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT- MEGAN MILES, STEPHANIE DAY, CASEY WISE, STEPHANIE YOUNG, CASSIDY HETZEL, AND MANDI NICHOLS.

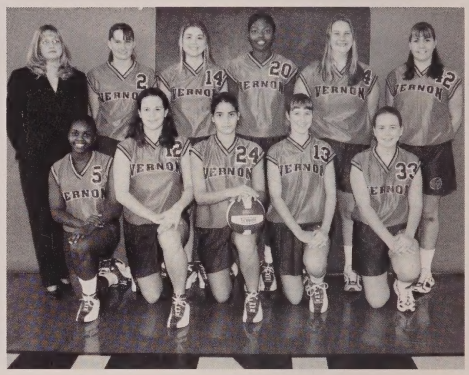


THE LADIES HUDDLE FOR THEIR NEXT GAME PLAN.

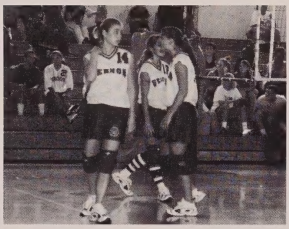
CASEY WISE JUST BARELY GETS THE BALL OVER THE NET.

Varsity Volleyball

Below, concentrating very hard, Kristen quickly sends the ball through the air.



The V.H.S. Lady Jackets: Top row, left to right- Coach Kim Register, Marla Harrell, Kristen Lovett, Valerie Brown, Nicole Cleary, Regina Page. Bottom row, left to right- Arial Hogans, Jenny Brazzell, Wilma Hernandez, Donavan Duty, and Robin Chestnut.

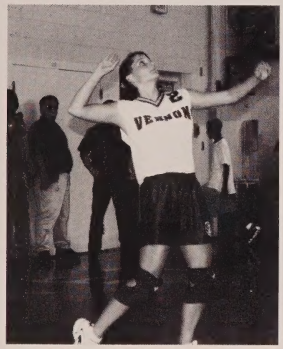


Marla and Kristen dicuss their game plan.

Left, the ladies are pumped on the court, prepared to take their defenders.

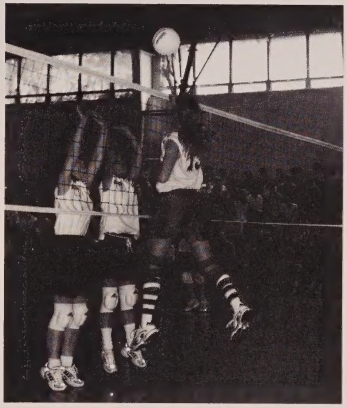
TAKE NOTE

Mrs. Register gives a pep talk to the team during a time out.



Marla Harrell serves the ball with all her might.

Right, Donavan jumps and tips the ball over the net to add points to the score board.

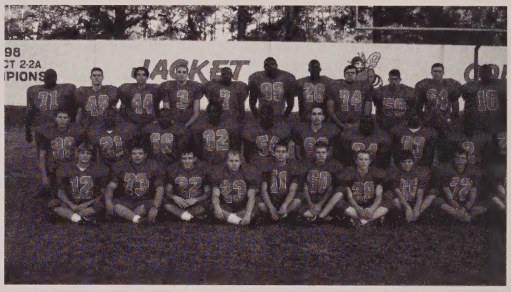


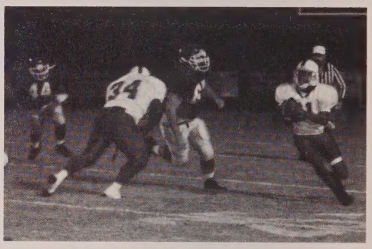
The Lady Jackets are ready for anything that is comming their way.

and the crowd goes WILD !!!!!!!!!!

Varsity Football

The 1999 season was a repeat of success. Vernon Yellow Jackets came out with a full head of steam and did not stop for anybody, not even for the county rival Chipley Tigers. The Jackets enjoyed much success with a record of 10-2. Jackets received District 2 Runner-up honor, and advanced into the play-offs for the second strait year. Jackets went all the way to the third round. This season was one that will never be forgotten and provided memories that will last a lifetime. Thanks for everything guys.





THE JACKETS

2 Clint Peace
3 Brandon Taylor
7 Maurice Daniels
10 Torrey Andrews
11 Chuck Thompson
12 Clint Gainey
21 Brent Potter
22 Franklin Register
23 Michael Sciolino
26 J.D. Stewart
28 Joel Clark
32 Charlie Nettles
33 Montrez Lee
34 Jayln Smith

V.H.S

Jackets

40 David Gilpin
44 Fabiano Compahoni
46 Christon Birge
50 John Cook
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55 Matt Finch
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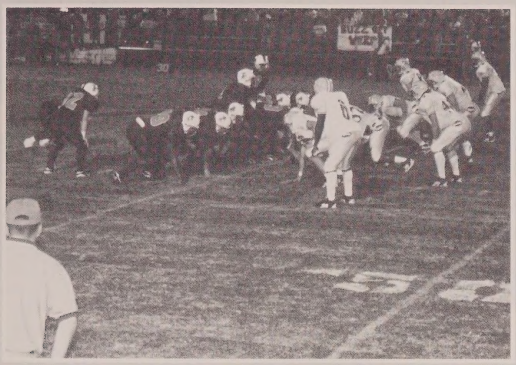
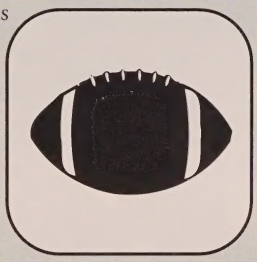


The V.H.S. Jackets are prepared to take on their historic rivals, the Chipley Tigers. They came out with a win of 20-18.

Here the guys wait for the coin toss. They're anxious to crush their defenders!



1999

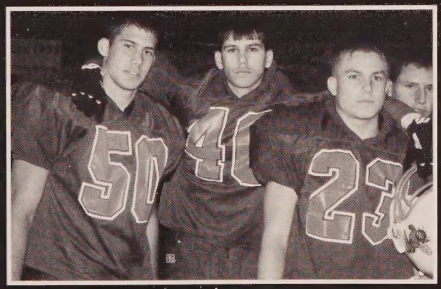
Varsity Football

Team	Us	Them
Sneads	44	12
Apalachicola	47	0
Chatt.	32	3
Jay	27	13
Chipley	20	18
Freeport	36	16
Cottondale	29	28
Baker	22	29
Graceville	28	7

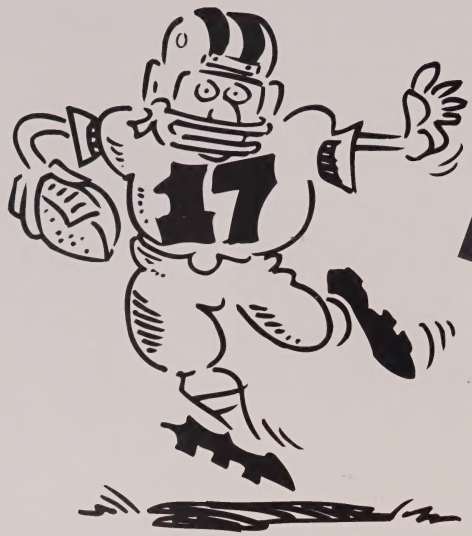
Class A State Playoffs

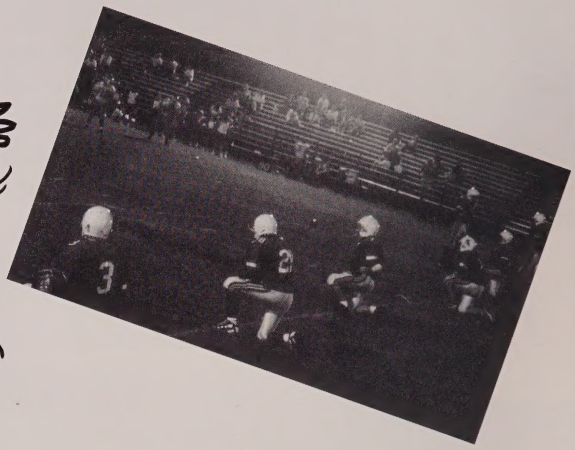
Wewa	36	6
Liberty Co.	10	7
Baker	0	21

The Jackets' big "D" ready to sting the Gators.



John, David, and Michael flash us their intimidating game faces.





Junior Varsity Football

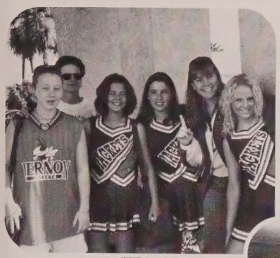
The JV Football team had a wonderful season. We wish you luck for next year.

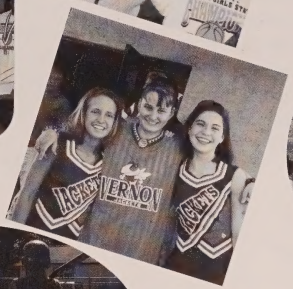
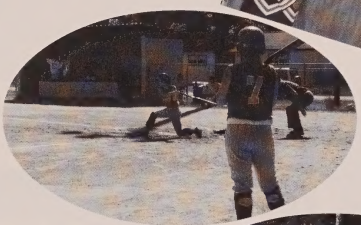
Player	Number
Schyuler Brock	3
Lee Richards	7
Brack Hall	11
Chris Sciolino	12
Jay-J McGriff	24
Brent'n Peterson	28
Noah Boswell	40
Bo Robinson	53
Matt Sheffield	55
Seth Haskins	60
Cortez Bowers	62
Paul Jasso	64

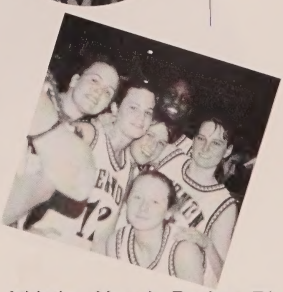
Player	Number
Dustin Vaughn	65
Ross Brown	66
DeJuan Stevens	72
Kyle Sapp	73
Avery Siples	74
Doug Cook	75
Raymond Hernandez	78
Gary Corbin	82
Brooks Goldsmith	84
Steve Hagan	85
Brandon Thomas	86

Girls Athletics

In Review





VARSITY

The year for the Vernon High School Varsity Cheerleading squad was one of tryouts, practices, road trips, pep rallies, special memories, friendship, and above all accomplishment. The twelve member squad was larger than any other to come through Vernon High, and according to many, it was the best! Thank you to sponsor, Mrs. Sandra Cook, for her hard work in making this year's squad spectacular!

VHS Varsity Cheerleaders

The 1999-2000 VHS Varsity Cheerleaders (left to right): Claudia Hogans, Kristen Haskins, Beth Vaughn, Jessica Reddick (co-capt.), Chrissy Joiner, Sabrina Glover (capt.), Torie Simmons (mascot), Sandra Cook (sponsor), Dawn Finch, Nycole Hetzel, Somer Sheffield, Laura Marschka, Rebekah Sapp, Jill White (co-capt.).

"It takes every one of us to pull off stunts, cheers, and dances. Each person is equally important to the squad."
-Jill White

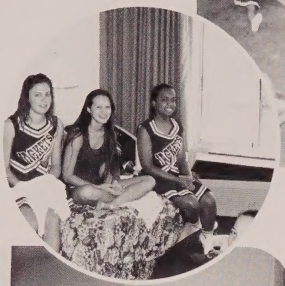
Dawn and Chrissy smile for the camera on their way to a football game.

The senior cheerleaders for this year were Kristen Haskins, Chrissy Joiner, and Dawn Finch shown here with Dawn's mother, Debbie.

2000

CHEERLEADING

The girls prepare to cheer the Lady Jackets on to victory at the State Finals against Lake Highland Prep.

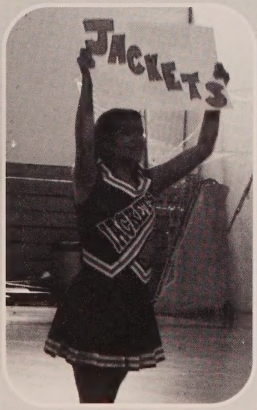


The three days spent in Lakeland were busy. Nicole, Rebekah, Jessica, and Claudia look a little groggy as they get ready for the Championship game.

It's breakfasttime in Lakeland! Laura, Sabrina, and Jill are up and at 'em.

The girls pose for a quick picture just before their last game together. It's been a great year!

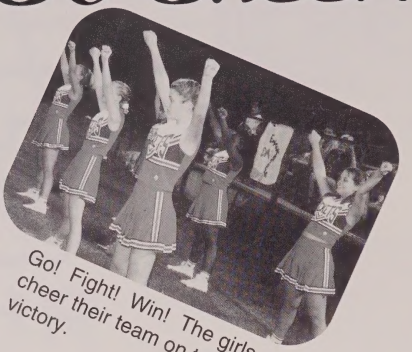
Only the BEST!



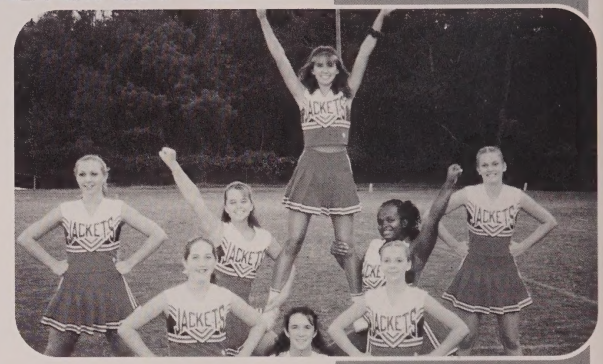
Pep rallies were a big part of the cheerleaders schedules. Each one was carefully prepared to honor the proper team. Go Jackets!

The girls gather around for a picture at their Christmas party. One great thing is that they were friends on and off the field and court.

JV Cheerleaders



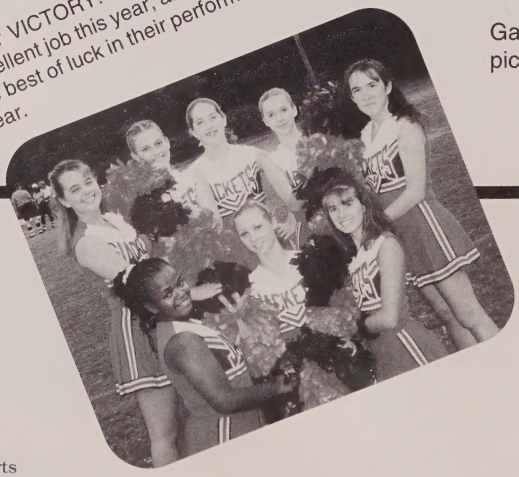
Go! Fight! Win! The girls cheer their team on to victory.



The 1999-2000 JV Cheerleaders(left to right): Meghan Allman, Janet Duvoisin, Casey Taylor, Kayla Harrison, Dusti Skippper, Sharonda Belser, Jennifer Johnson, and Nicole Snipes. The girls had a terrifc year. Sponsor, Mrs. Johnson, came with a fresh perspective that contributed to the positive mood of the squad as a whole.

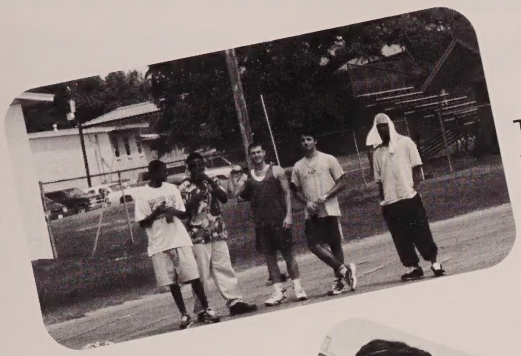
Kayla, Meghan, Jennifer, Janet, and Nicole take a moment to pose for the camera.

V! for VICTORY! The JV squad did an excellent job this year, and we wish them the best of luck in their performance next year.

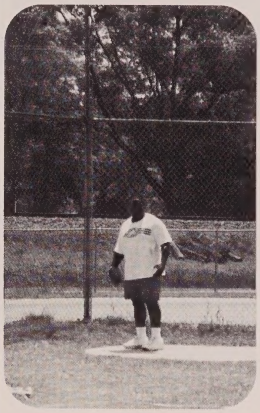


Gather around girls...it's picture time!

Track & Field

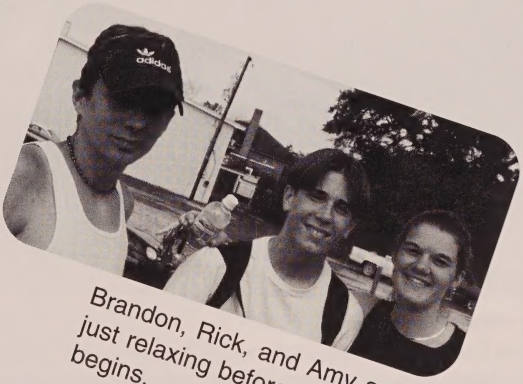


These guys look warmed up and ready to go. Hey, Christon, nice muscles!



Alex prepares to throw the discus. Are you nervous?

Will Brock gets ready to throw the discus.



Brandon, Rick, and Amy are just relaxing before the meet begins.

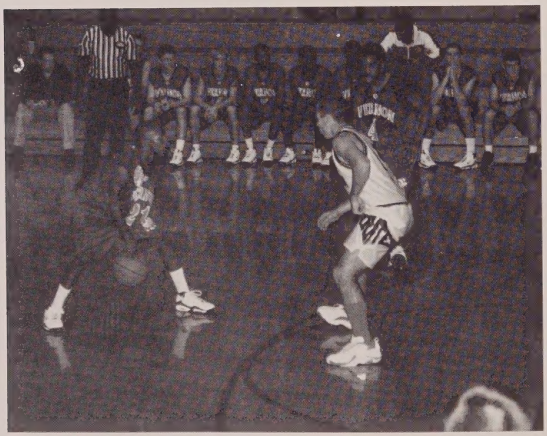
(Left to right): Charles Golver, Rick Buswell, Jay-J McGriff, Philip Brown, Amy Boyce, Brandon Paul, Vitoya Hodge, O'Bryant Robinson, Franklin Register, Joel Clark, Brooks Goldsmith, Tasha Bell, and DeJuan Stevens. Coaches: Willie Mclain and Dennis Gray

The VHS Track and Field team for the 1999-2000 School Year

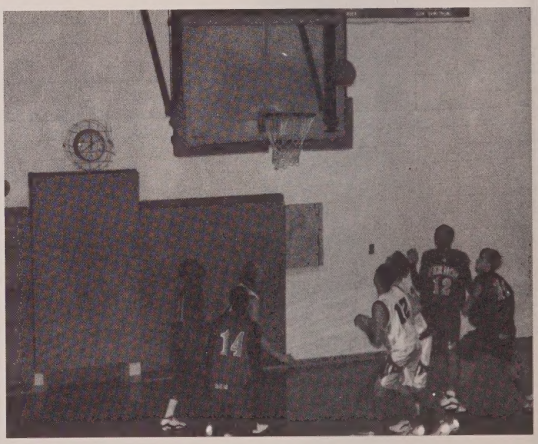
Boys Varsity Basketball

District Champs! !

The Boys Varsity Basketball team consists of (left to right): Coach White, Maurice Daniels, Torrey Andrews, J. D. Steward, Derrell Bush, Jesse Johnson, Will Brock, Jamaal Brown, Brent Potter, Melvin Peters, Clint Peace, Chuck Thompson, Christon Birge, & Randall Garner.



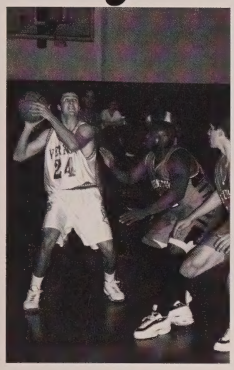
Brent Potter takes it to the hole!



Everybody's eyes are on the ball.

BASKETBALL

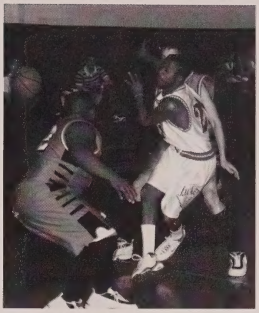
Boys Varsity Basketball



Left: Will looks to shoot.

Above: The boys with their Discrict Championship trophy.

Left: He shoots, he scores! ! !



Will the ball go out of bounds?

Scoreboard

	Us	Them
Apalachicola	77	74
Cottondale	57	49
Bethlehem	81	63
Ponce de Leon	61	54
Graceville	74	55
Blountstown	61	50
Oliver Springs	59	51
Ponce de Leon	51	59
Grand Ridge	66	74
Chipley	67	83
Bonifay	67	69
Walton	69	63
Cottondale	72	73
Graceville	53	40
Bonifay	57	52
Chipley	43	41
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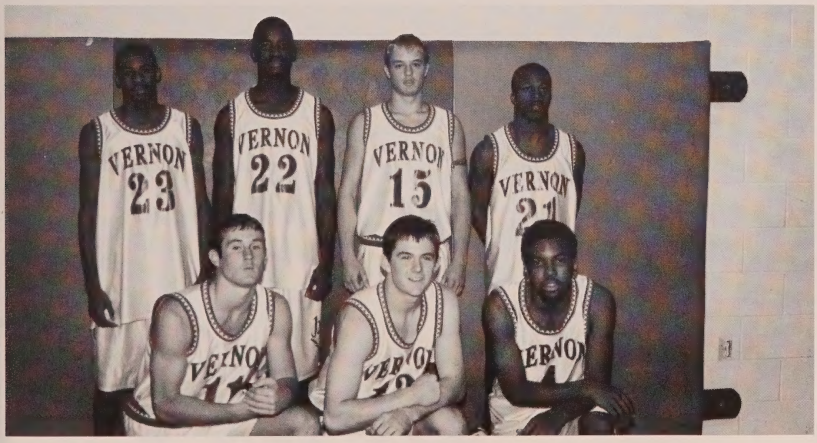
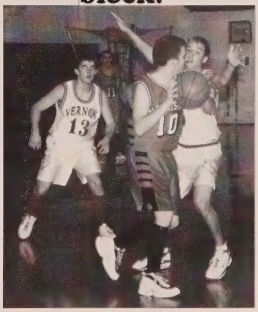
Bethlehem	75	58
Ponce. . .	28	35
Bonifay	75	36
Blountstown	64	53
Altha	66	56
Freeport	65	75

Boys Varsity Basketball Seniors (left to right): Maurice Daniels, J. D. Steward, Jesse Johnson, Brent Potter, Christon Birge, Randall Garner, and Jamaal Brown.



Jesse and Randall block!



Girls Varsity Basketball

The Girls at Work

From Top to Bottom:
-The Lady Jackets pump each other up for the big game.
-The pressure's on Jenny at the free throw line.
-Nothin' but net!
-Coach Brazzell gives the girls a pep talk.

We're #1

Lady Jackets in a huddle.

1999-2000 Basketball Team

From Left to Right: Lonnie Faison (Manager), Donavan Duty, Donshe' Brown, Aysha Coleman, Starla Maxson, Kristi Campbell, Charles Glover (Manager), Marla Harrell, Wilma Hernandez, Jenny Brazzell, and Leslie Strickland.

Only the BEST!

Left: Kristi Campbell prepares to pass the ball.

AND THE CROWD GOES

WILD!

Right: Donavan Duty takes the ball down the court.

STATE CHAMPS

Lady Jackets showing off their hard-earned trophy.

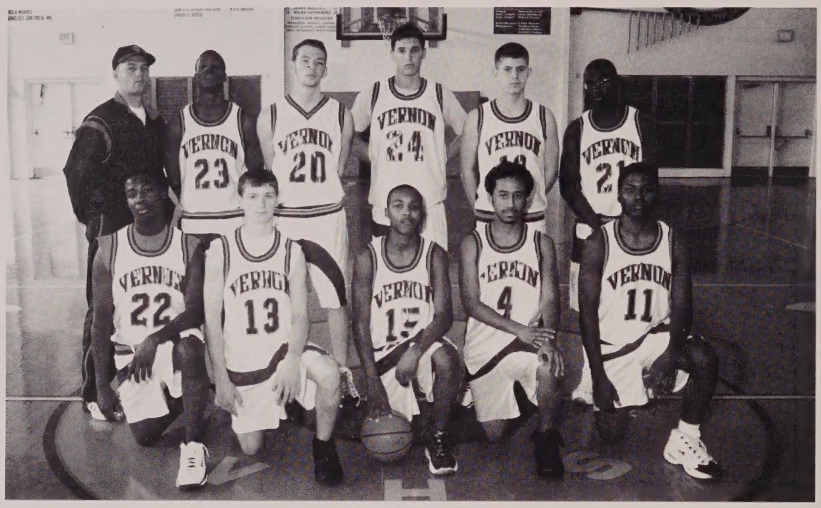
Seniors Kristi Campbell, Donavan Duty, and Marla Harrell celebrate their victory.

Winners

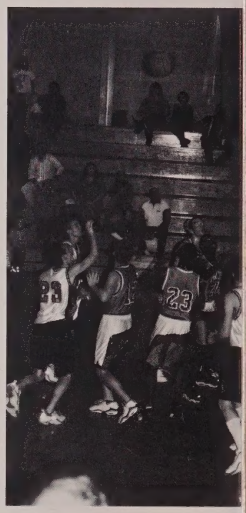
We're #1!!!

Go Lady Jackets!!

JV Boys Basketball



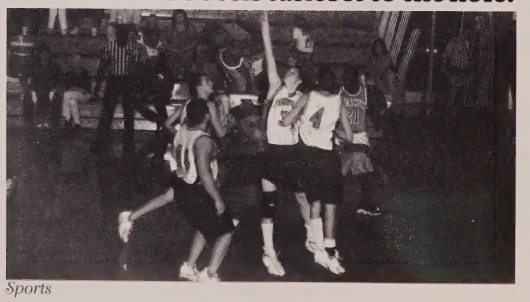
From Left to Right: Coach Hall, Brooks Goldsmith, Brack Hall, Jeremiah Hunter, Chris Sciolino, Kerry Brown, Nicholas Peters, Schyuler Brock, Desmond Brown, Damon Smith, and Brent'n Peterson.

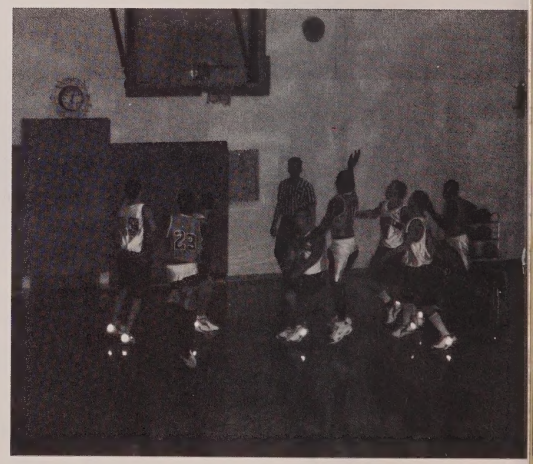


We shoot, we score

Above: Kerry makes the block.

Below: Brooks takes it to the hole.





Above: Another point for the team!

Accept the CHALLENGE

JV Girls Basketball

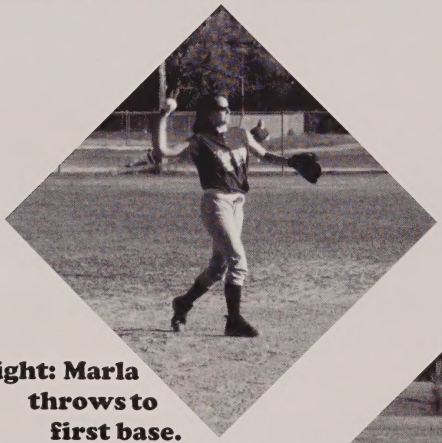
From Left to Right: Lonnie Faison (Manager), Ashley Jackson, Cierra Goldsmith, Diana Coleman, Sherale Bland, Evelyn Baldwin, Charles Glover (Manager), Brandy Kennamore, Casey Wise, and Megan Miles.

WE make the DIFFERENCE

MORE THAN YOU'D EXPECT

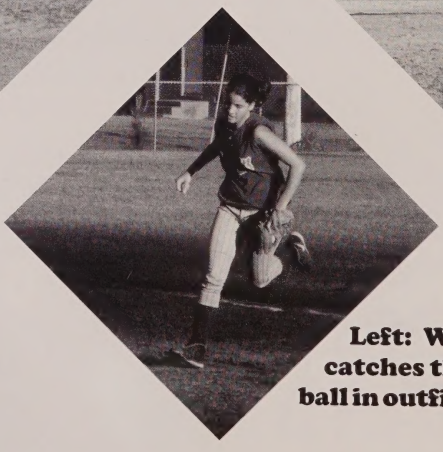
Varsity Softball

From left to right: Coach Brazzell, Coach Wilson, Coach Duty, Coach Chesnut, Marla Harrell, Donavan Duty, Regina Page, Diana Coleman, Somer Sheffield, Leslie Strickland, Casey Wise, Robin Chesnut, Laura Marschka, Starla Maxson, Jenny Brazzell, and Wilma Hernandez.



Right: Marla throws to first base.

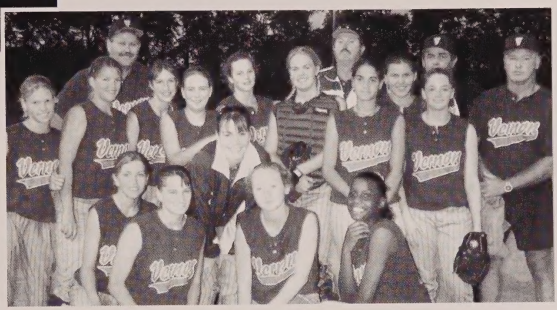
Left: Jenny runs home.



Left: Wilma catches the ball in outfield.

Above: The girls goofin' off.

Below: The team poses for a picture after a game.



Softball

Right: Starla steals second base.

Left: Donavan strikes 'em out.

Right: Leslie and Marla get into the action.

Varsity Baseball

From Left to Right: Christon Birge, Montrez Lee, David Gilpin, Jeremy Vaughn, Chad Whitaker, Clint Peace, Dustin Castells, Ryan Sparks, Jalyn Everitt, Matthew Whitfield, Raymond Sheffield, Zack Yates, Michael Sciolino, and Michael King.

Clint hits it out of the park.

Hey Zack, is that legal?

Chuck just won't give up.

Left: Some of the guys trying to look tough.

#1

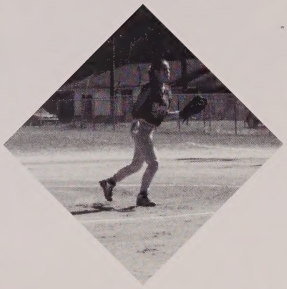
Below: Jalyn, Montrez, and Chad warming up for a game.

Coach Alford gives Jalyn a piece of his mind.

Chuck is ready for action.

Jeremy winds up for the pitch.

JV Softball



Jessica strikes 'em out.

From Top to Bottom: Coach Duty, Coach Wilson, Coach Brazzell, Coach Chesnut, Brittany Kolmetz, Nycole Hetzel, Brandee Wilson, Tiffany Stufflestreet, Misty Young, Kayla Harrison, Carrie Coatney, Autumn Collins, Stephanie Young, Rebekah Sapp, Jessica Reddick, Brandy Kennamore, and Cassidy Hetzel.

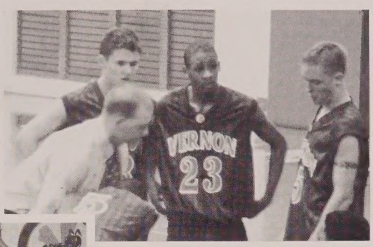
Brandy Kennamore at bat.

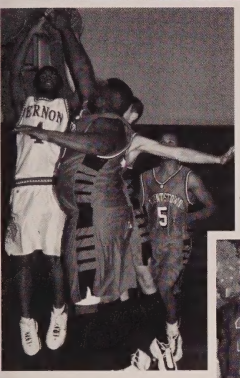
Brittany waiting for action.

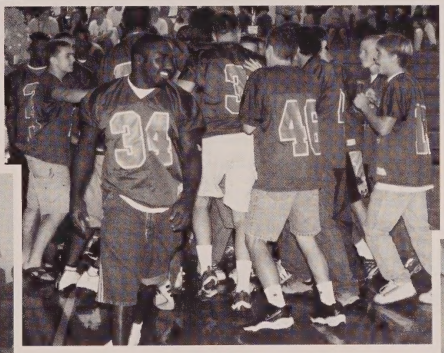
Coach Brazzell gives the team a pep talk.

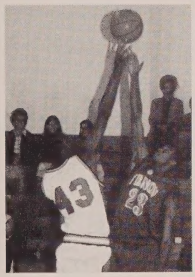
Boys Athletics

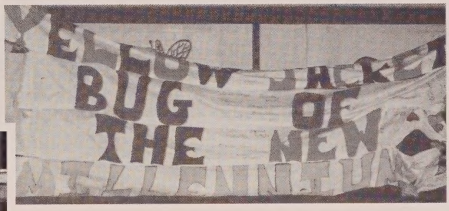
Year in Review

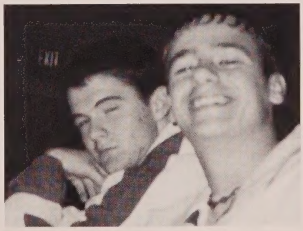












Athletic

Girls

Marla Harrell and Donavan Duty show off their trophies for Athlete of the Year.

The Girls Varsity Basketball team receives their awards.

Kristen Lovett thanked Coach Register for her time and dedication to the team.

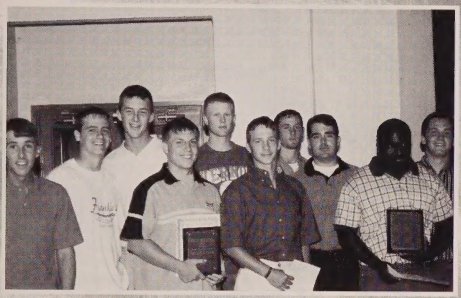
Dawn Finch received the award for Most Dedicated Cheerleader from Mrs. Sandra Cook.

Donavan Duty, Marla Harrell, Regina Page, Kristen Lovett, and Valarie Brown with their awards.

Banquet

Boys

A bunch of the guys pose with their awards.



Zac, Chuck, Jeremy, Michael, Chad, Raymond, Christon, Dustin, Jalyn, and Sparky show off their awards.

Franklin Register, Michael Sciolino, and Jalyn Everitt showing off their football awards.

Coach Greg Presnell presents an award to Brent Potter.

Brennis Smith, Stacy Evans, Alex Jackson, Robert Brown, Christon Birge, and Maurice Daniels at the banquet.

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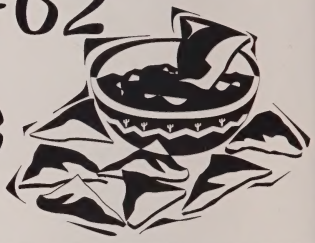

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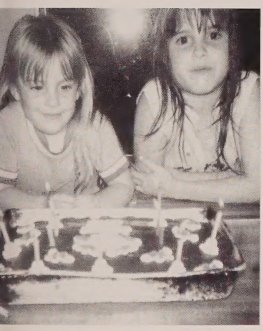

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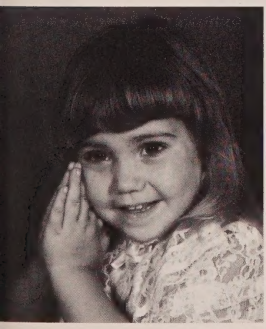

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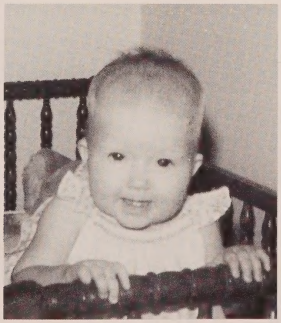

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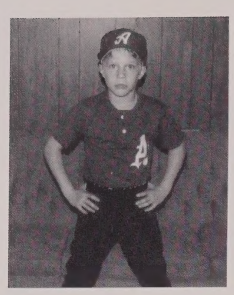

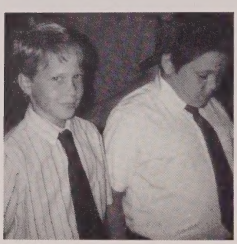

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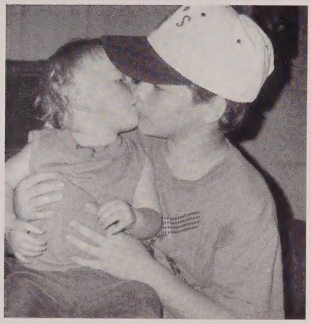

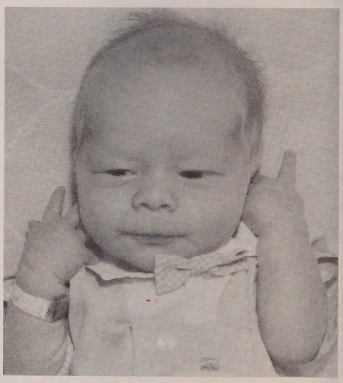

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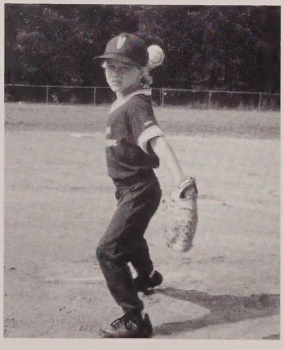
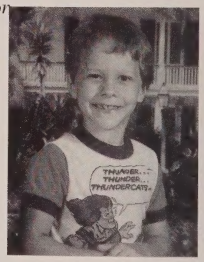
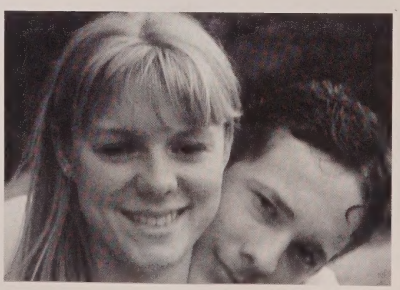
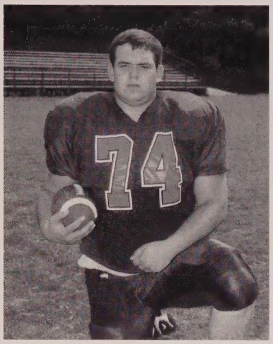
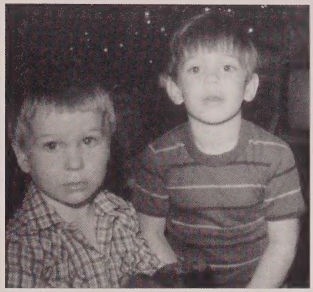






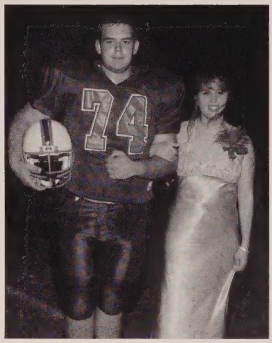


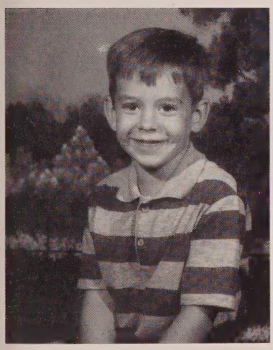


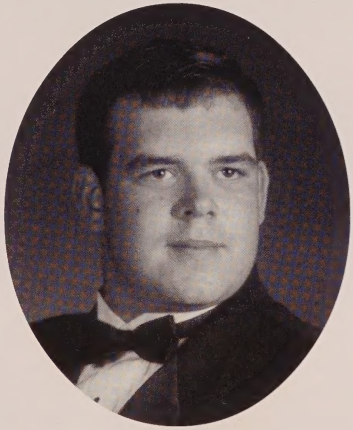
Jake,

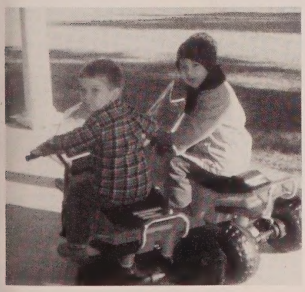
God blessed us with your birth on August 27th, 1982. As proud parents, we have watched you grow from a precious baby into a fine young man. Always remember that we love you and are very proud of you!!!

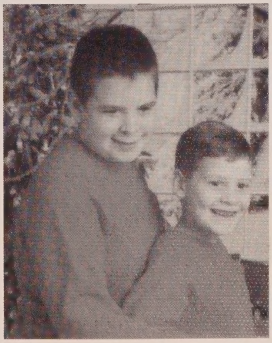
Love,
Daddy and Mama

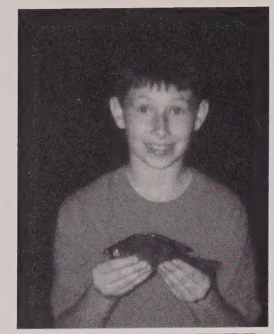


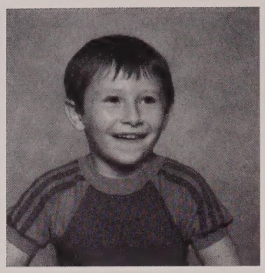


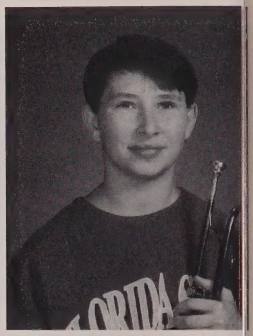






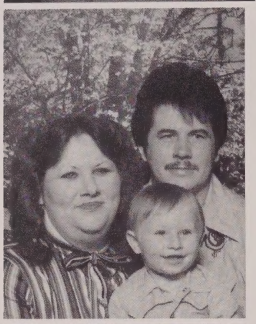


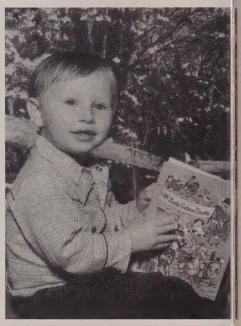


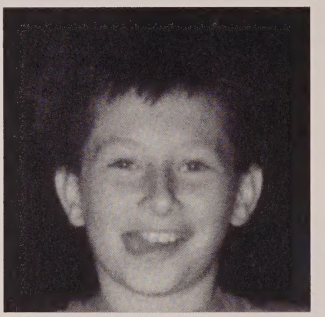


Thank you for being the person you are. You are so loving and kind to everyone you meet. God gave us an almost perfect son! We could never express what you mean to us. We hope your future will be full of all the things you want. You deserve all the wonderful things the world has to offer you. You are capable of everything you put you mind to. We will always be proud of you and your accomplishments. We Love You so very much.

MOM and DAD



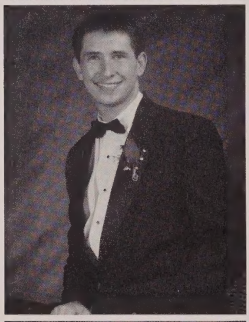


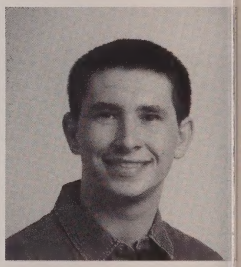


To my only son, Rodgers, I dedicate this poem to you with love

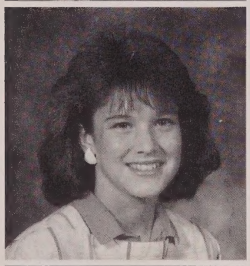
A Mother

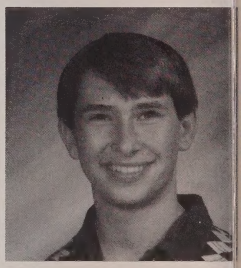
I see your smiling face, You are my life, my joy.
No one could ever take your place, You are my darling little boy.



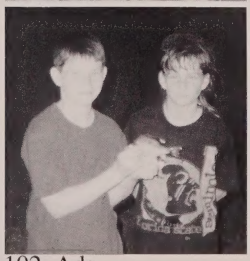


Dedication to Lauranda Lee Shields, "My Guardian Angel"
The first time you saw me, You squeezed me so tight.
We became special to each other, Being "just" cousins didn't seem right.
You held me and kissed me as the years flew by,
And you became my "little mother", or I became your "little brother"!
Then one day God took you home, And you left me all alone.
I can't hardly wait to once again say "Hello Lauranda!"
And see your pretty face.
Until we meet in Heaven, I'll keep your memory in my heart.
I'll once again hold you, and then we will never part.





Marla, my dear cousin and friend,
You have meant so much to me.
I'm so glad that we are graduating together
Nothing could ever please me any better!!
Love Always,
Rodgers



Kristen Haskins
Photogenic

Emily,

Where do we begin? It seems like only yesterday that I carried you to the nursery window to show your grandparents the day you were born. You were pouting, bottom lip rolled down toward your chin...not crying, but seemingly offended at having been disturbed. You were our miracle, our child that, according to doctors, might never be. We waited 10 years for you, and it was worth the wait.

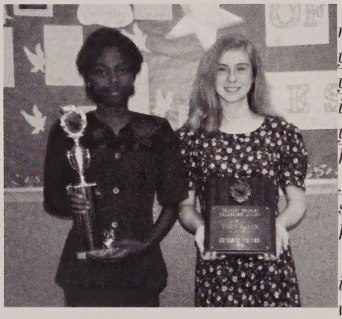
We couldn't wait to dedicate you to the Lord. We were so proud...the first and only granddaughter on the Parish side of the family. You were the "apple of their eye." Which, of course, made you "rotten to the core." God has really blessed you, not just because we dedicated you to Him, but because you have dedicated yourself to Him. You established your independence very early in life. Remember how you didn't think you should have to put on that hospital gown to visit Casey when he was born? After all, he was YOUR brother. YOU shouldn't have to do anything special to visit him!

We are proud of the way that your independence has helped you to stand, even when it seemed no one else stood with you. You may not see it now, but there are great rewards for you in this life for people like you whose lives are not controlled by what everyon else is doing.

In all your endeavors, you have made us proud to call you our daughter. As you pass this milestone in your life, there is just on thing we ask you to do.....

.....PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR ROOM!!!

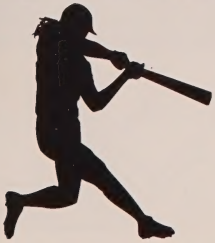
We Love You!
Dad, Mom, and Casey

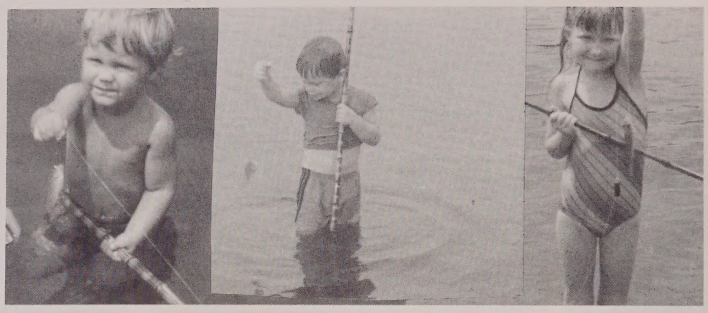


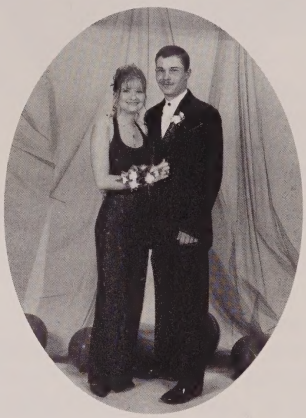
Dear Marla,

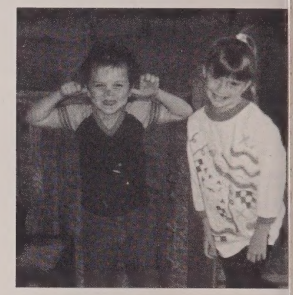
You're all grown up and have made us proud.
Your respect, friendly manner and kind deeds speak very loud.
There really is no one under the sun,
That enjoys life and has more fun.
You love to fish, ski, four wheel and play ball too.
May God continue to guide you.
You are quite an athlete and perform academically as well.
We truly thank God for you and are quick to tell.
Keep your head on straight and let God be in all you do.
And know that we are always here for you.

Love,
Marcus, Ozeal & Starsky





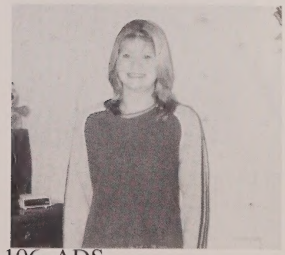




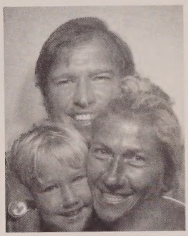
My Dearest Dawn,

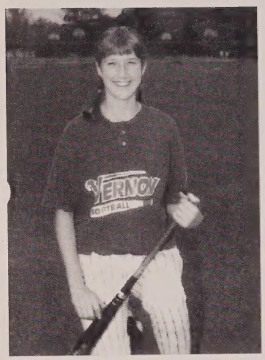
There are no words to express how much we love you. Dawn, people are right when they say "You've never known love until you've had a child." We Love you, Dawnie; You are a blessing to anyone that has known you. Keep your faith in God and all of your dreams and goals will come true. When one door closes another opens. So as this door is closing a bigger door to life is opening. Enjoy it! Remember we are here forever!

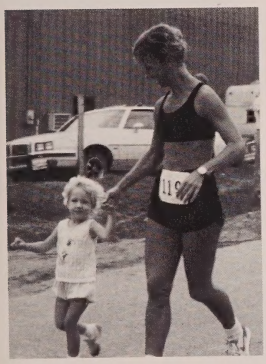
Love Always,
Mom, Matt and Brad

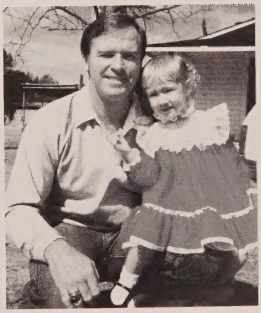


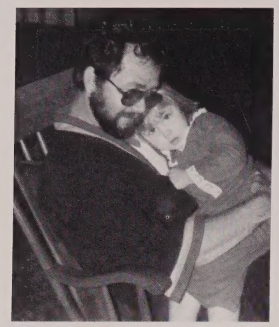
Congratulations Donavan!!!
We are very proud of you.
Thanks for being part of our lives.
Everlasting Love,
Mom and Dad

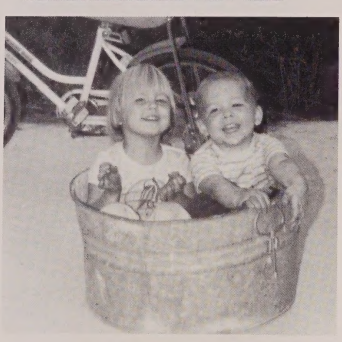


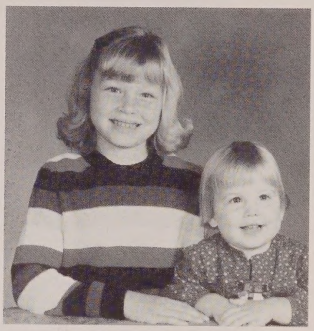


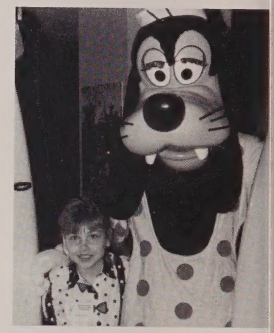


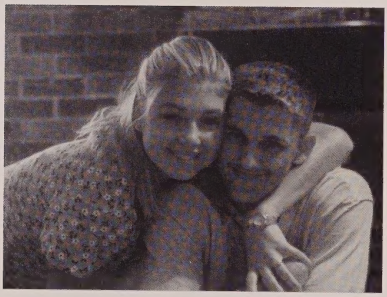










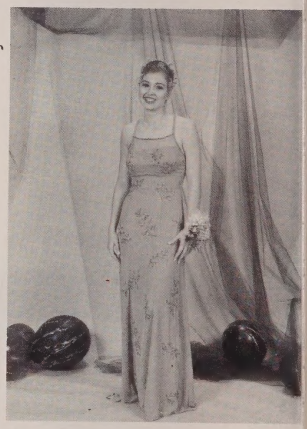


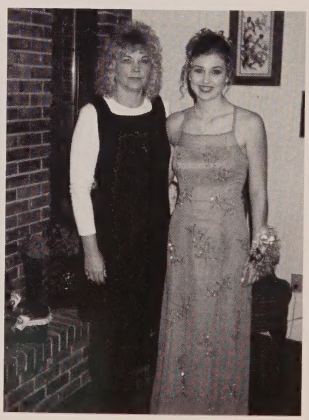
Kristen,

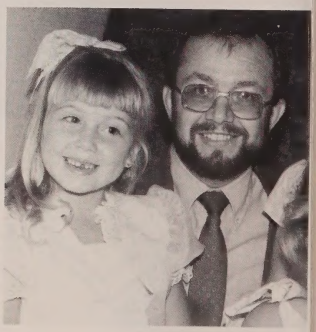
We've been with you through your times of joy, times of sadness, and times of trials. Times are like seasons, they come and go. There's a time for every purpose under heaven. This is a time of celebration and we are very proud of you. You are a special person and God has chosen you for such a time as this. Keep God foremost in your plans and you will always be successful.

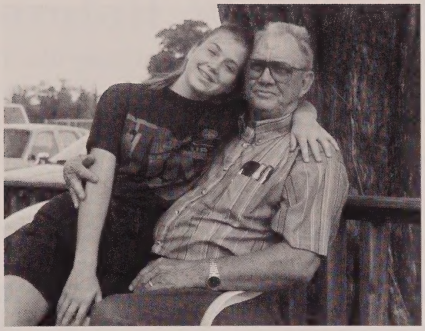
We Love You,

Daddy, Momma & Sissy







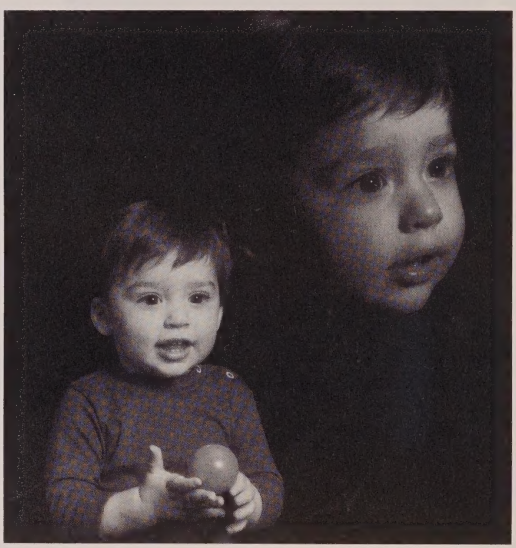


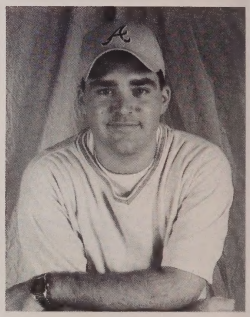
Congratulations!!!
We are so proud of you!
Love Nana and Pappa

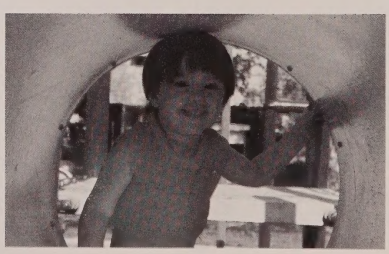
Dustin

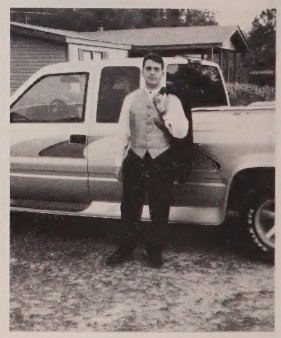
Since the day you were born you have brought a light in my life. You have grown from my little baby boy into a wonderful young man. We have learned many things together over the years, but you have gone further with your inner-strength and ability. We are so very proud of you and your achieve ments. Always remember Grandma. There is no love greater than our love for you.

Love Always,
Momma, Dorty, and Grandma Fran

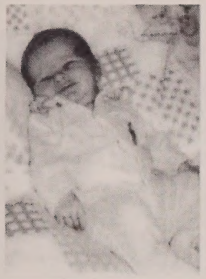








Randall W. Garner



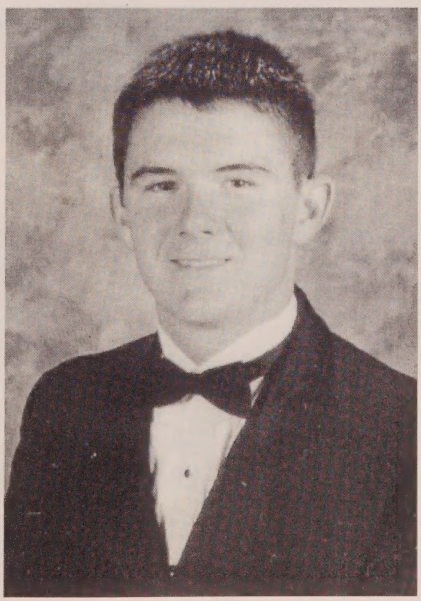
Where have the years gone? I can't believe your already grown. From the time you were born I knew you'd grow up to be a very special young man.

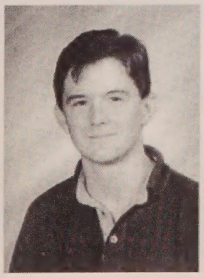
Thank you for being such a good son. You have always been there to keep my feet on the ground. Your Grandm and Grandpa would be very proud of you.

You may not be my baby or my little man anymore but, you will always be my Son shine!

May God continue to bless you. I love you!

Momma

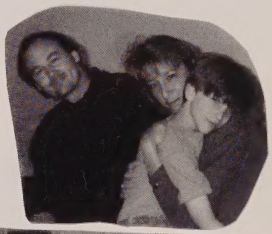




Christina Marie Joiner

"First Born"
The day you were born,
I don't remember
If it was warm or not,
If the sun shone
or rain slashed across a sky
obscured by pain and doubt,
But I know I held you
for hours I stared at you
in awe - and felt
the warmth assault me
felt all the old, forgotten smiles
creep back -
Until I wasn't sure which of us
had just been born!

My life began with your birth!
We have so many great memories!!
We are very proud of you!!!
All our love,
Mama, Kevin and Andy



Dear Sweet Amy

You are a true success story.
The minute you were born was a precious moment of glory...
Because of some trouble they whisked you away...
So placing you in my arms was somewhat delayed

After you showed the doctors your strength
You were given to me and I held you so close
Making a vow to never let you go

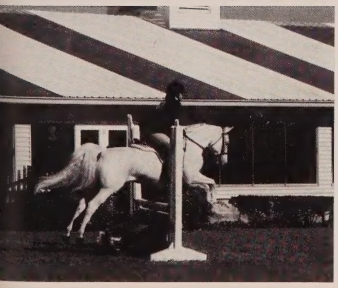
Time passed by and you were joyful to play
And then one day you had a close call
Off a crazed horse you had a bad fall

To the hospital you were flown
As a Sleeping Beauty you became to be known
Thru your strength and strong will-You awoke with delight
And oh how beautiful you were in my sight!
Once again I had that feeling
To hold onto you so very, very tight!

Time has passed and as you have grown
Your wisdom and maturity has shown
That I can now safely let you go
As the Lord will watch over you, this fact I know

And you will be a success in all that you do
Because you have always succeeded...
With all you set out to pursue!

Love,
Mama



Fabiano

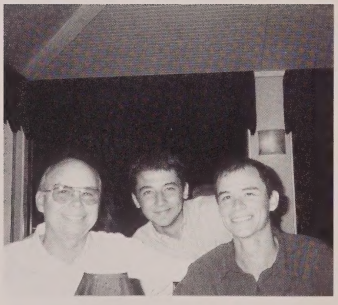
How brave you are
To have traveled so far
Across the sky many miles you flew
To spend time with people unknown to you.

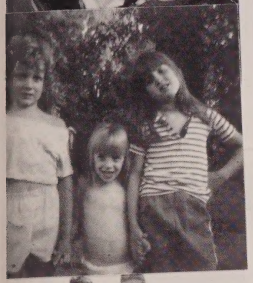
Many barriers were here for you to cross
You did so bravely & so bold
That now & forever you will be told

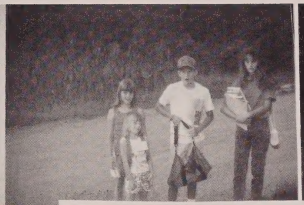
From the very start,
You found a place in my heart
Also your family too,
as they did such a wonderful job
Of raising such a fine young man as you.

Now as you travel back
to your home & family in Brazil
I hope you know & will always feel
That back here in the USA
You have a family proud to say
You'll always have a home here,
and warm welcome to stay.

Love,
Tammy



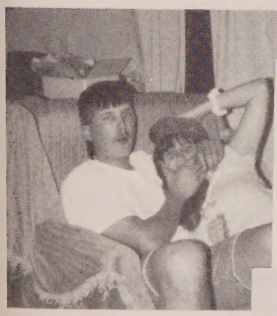
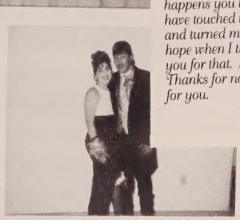




Sarah,

It seems like just yesterday you were a baby. Then we stood by all these years and watched you grow up into a beautiful young lady. Now here it is time for you to graduate and go out into the world on your own, full of hopes and dreams. Strive to be a success in whatever you do and we'll be proud of you. Always believe in God and he'll help you on your long journey. Grandpa Carter would have been proud of his ant bed girl.

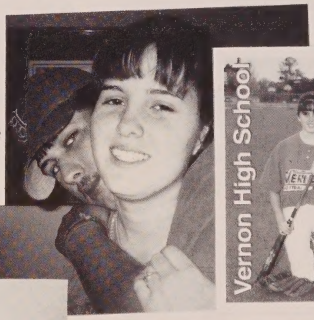
We all love you,
Daddy, Momma, Sherry, Matt,
Jerri Ann, Granny,
and Uncle Jake

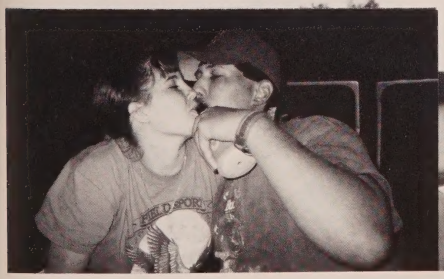



Sunshine,

We'll here it is you are finally graduating, and I am so proud of you. No matter what happens you better never give up. Sarah, you have touched my heart for three and a half years and turned my life around for me. You gave me hope when I thought there was none, and I love you for that. I love you and I'm proud of you. Thanks for not giving up, and I'll always be here for you.

Love Always,
Michael J Hero





Forever & Always

Starla

In our memories you live
In our memories you thrive
Though you're gone right now
Your spirit's still alive
Your face is in our memories
We think of you each day
There are so many things we wanna do
And so many things to say
We can't wish you back
And bring you back to pain
But wish we could say goodbye
And hear your voice again
We miss you already
You were the nicest person we knew
Even though you're gone right now
That will always be true
God looked down on you
And took you away
He brought you to heaven
Though we wanted you to stay
We think of the good times
We think of the past
You were gone too quickly
You were gone too fast
There are so many things we remember
Good things and bad
We think of them everyday
They make us so sad
That God took you away
And brought you to sleep
All we can do right now
Is sit here and weep
Our hearts feel empty inside
We can't shed any more tears
We were so very lucky
To have you those 16 years
On that spring day in May
God laid you down to rest
He broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best
Though we met you a few years ago
We will always ask ourselves
Why did you have to go

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